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1866.

To A.W.L.

Boldly - fleeing o'er the mountain -
Pausing near the sparkling fountain -
Up the jagged rock-cliffs climbing -
In the shade dell reclining -
Heart and purpose - all undaunted -
Through the forests spirit-haunted -
Fleet and strong - quite stunned
Free as God's breath on the mind.
Undisturbed by thought of "fear"
Thou art named "Winged Reindeer" -
Shenandoah.

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SATURDAY, January 20th, 1866.

[illegible]

MONDAY. January 22d. 1866.

TUESDAY. January 23d. 1866.

I have found this book
yesterday - but the evening
the following -
Hallo Herbert
Lived by the beach of some
ing sweet he clouds of no
Hours of in droopeth
the stone sweepeth below
being for the higher - but
given to bid rest
due drop after many
which so my heart
a valley of reflection -
the days and years of years
smooth the bright forms
of me for some years -
Sounds holding a balance
were ever most fate
Bore the chary thread
of life all
near the mere petal
age & sundries flow
on a crown of life
man life's darkest hi
ff - fill in fame - life,
more but a thought
and half near from
the angels sweet.
Thus ends

Hallo Herbert
Each morn the glory of the sun
Flames the earth with light
Adding to mantle bright & clear
Framed sunbeams bright
Each evening ere bell of lam
ind overshadows flame
His lingering look dim steam
Their dear parting hour
Then clouds above the earth appear
the breeding morn, if ever
Sun dark ever shine to give
Some former for the morrow.
And sends the dark gloomy pall
With days of living splendor
Yet he may see sun hopeless
And flash his glance under
Darkness the mere of mortality
Proved for the morrow find
Some of the heart in sing so
And bid them be mirror
Be fair and hope when shine
To drive away all sorrows.
And check dark to shine
By sunrise of Hopes
Forever

FRIDAY. February 9th. 1866.

SATURDAY, February 10th, 1866.

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MONDAY, February 19th. 1866.

Remained in our heaven of home all the
morning. Shannon came and spent a few
moments with us. Wrote article relative to
the State Stars Standard and sent it to the Pilgrim
also letter to the Chicago Tribune in which I said
that it was rumored that the President has de-
cided to veto the Freedmen's Bureau Bill but
that I did not believe he would go before the
country upon this measure as he could not
even specifically notify the Senate, his
approval and the substitution of the
Southern slave militia in place of the U.S.
troops as executors of the provisions. That he
would also veto the civil rights bill of
Columbia Sumner's Bill. That Stevens &
Stanton were the only members of his Cabinet
that would go out against the veto of the Freedmen
Bureau Bill. That Congress would quickly
pass the over-ruling majority. The influence
of the Senator Yates of Illinois was strong in a
splendid speech in favor of granting all the rights
of citizenship to the colored man. The
Freedmen's Bureau Bill came in vetoed by the President
along with a message accompanying the document giving
the reason for his action. The purport of which was
that the Bill was unconstitutional. Thus ended a long
fight in which the minority in Congress, entirely
unprepared to meet the surprise, Trumbull, Sumner
Harlan, Wilson & others immediately consulted
with a view of carrying the matter off by a night fight
which should come to an end in the Senate with the
veto of the President. [illegible] papers
the morning with an article from the Pleasant Valley
Cal. Calaveras Chronicle & Stockton Mines —

TUESDAY, February 20th. 1866.

Shannon came this morning & said that it was hard fight
but the President had overpowered himself upon the side of the Democrats
that he would carry out the same plan relative to Congress
& would spend on the country the money also that he would
go West when not speaking in behalf of the Freedmen. That we
should then go South and not to California this year. That
President Johnson had determined not to veto the Freedmen's Bill
upon Sunday that he was not opposed to the veto upon that bill
had written the document but was now in the veto, asking
amendments to the Bill which Sunday Senate has become
that they could not return this veto because of the Bill
became a law. Change made to the suggestion of the President's
original intention when the veto was made to veto
the same blank without being read, merely stood
against it. Shannon then repeated the Poem that you
gave the night this month at Mr. Newman's in Washington hearing.
[illegible] and that the old man was dozing. Senator
Howard said in the Senate chamber yesterday that you
had the same place & other [illegible] of his speech
been made Mr. Newman's [illegible] house yesterday morning.
By dividing with myself and the Senate & Representatives
Senator Sumner the [illegible] generally [illegible]
[illegible] rights, [illegible] people [illegible]
[illegible] after much [illegible] the [illegible]
the [illegible] of Secretary of State Seward & Secretary Fessenden were
reading to Congress in favor of the President's veto against the Bill
after reflecting an hour of his speech upon the Senate he [illegible]
Senate [illegible] all were [illegible] three hours speech in support of the veto
in a masterly manner showing that the President exercised his [illegible]
argument was in the wrong that this doctrine, [illegible] hence
himself Constitutional of the President of the United States — that the Bill
was unconstitutional that [illegible] not [illegible] the good
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the present [illegible]
[illegible] of the country.

Washington D.C.

WEDNESDAY, February 21st. 1866.

[illegible] concluded — the vote was taken on [illegible] the Senate, and on passing of the bill notwithstanding the veto, and the yeas and nays were taken, the Bill was lost and the President triumphant. A few Republican Senators, conquered themselves and take his infamy, & then failed to support the measure. Fessenden, Morgan, Doolittle, Henderson, Dixon, Nesmith and Stewart — just enough to manufacture a majority, so much so that they had to be cleared immediately after which the Senate adjourned. When Hawkins was announced the audience in the second gallery were so happy that now [illegible] announced that the President and Congress are not entirely [illegible] & that there is still hope for the Union, & peace. The concluding speech made Trumbull was speaking he was interrupted by a [illegible] with the question of "What course would you pursue Mr. President, if Congress should pass a bill over your veto?" "Why, then, of course, we must submit." responded Trumbull. [illegible] right down the gallery, & for a moment there was, not enthusiasm, but [illegible]. This was not a gloom over the country, equal of not more than that which followed the fall of Sumpter. It is the first blow of the conflict that has been so often predicted, & it again comes in this country from the mouth of Judges and Laws.

Went up to the Senate Chamber this morning, but found a coffee-house Senator reading a dull & poor speech in favor of the President's veto. The resolutions of the different State are passing resolutions in support of the Radical & notice of Congress & condemning the President's veto. The Republican papers, all but the Courier, are following the same course, & [illegible] of condemnation of the President's veto, thus far from the Republicans for action. The Herald whilst the coffee-house pipe a [illegible] & [illegible] his action as the market has fired [illegible]. This evening Mr. Mathews, Mrs. Frances & Gage, Mrs. Clara Barton & Mrs. [illegible] of Kansas came up, & spent the evening with us. We began all [illegible] in their way, and it was a very interesting occasion. [illegible] conversation — by darling Mary, enhanced and [illegible] came and went, an hour of his wonderful prophecy and [illegible]. He said: "The struggle is surely coming & you may bring forward [illegible] & Congress. [illegible] the President's veto [illegible] the Senate [illegible] Congress [illegible] the President [illegible] the country [illegible] the President [illegible] Senate [illegible] Mr. Baldwin [illegible] Senate [illegible] Mr. Baldwin [illegible] Senate [illegible] Mr. Baldwin

Washington City, D.C.

FRIDAY, February 23d, 1866.

Ans - We has lately been in Rome, & is now in active communication with the Papal Power. The stronghold which that Power has gained in America leads them to hope for an increase of influence in this land - and for the sake of this it would prompt them to favor the establishment of such a government here -

[illegible]

[illegible] the welcomed to the democrats. The work resolution, emancipation, all on the land - that his policy was the same measure intended for the consideration of the "Mechanics Condition" not acceptance of Congress concerning the states in rebellion. That he would as Commander-in-Chief [illegible] - [illegible] in Communication [illegible] Congress of the pre Colonial period [illegible] the enfranchisement of freedmen, johnson the Southern traitors northern democrats, fenians & the Catholic Church on the other, but freedom shall at last prevail, said by Mr Bacon - So Send Great true to the north & Illinois. He is of this, or an end - notwithstanding his democratic antecedents - He's heart is right and gentlemen a-dinner is coming behind him & the Lecture [illegible] - Ans - What of Sherman? Ans - He will be on the side of the south and will become of the leaders of the Govt against the Freedmen. Question, Col D. Can you come Grant will be right? Ans - Yes, we can come abroad, this is some difficulty between him & the President. He cannot remain longer. has in mind all on hand and is prepared for the worst, as they are in imaginative dreams, [illegible] Col D. - either happens will certain that the President will attempt to control Congress of course? Ans - we can calculate that a bill perhaps, simply Congress, Impeachments, has on the impeachment, which refers the cannot do - as the senate is not strong enough - [illegible] [illegible] the will fine to [illegible] out the existing members. The President is relying on the advice of southern Rebels & northern [illegible] will attempt what he I am predicted, [illegible] will be [illegible] [illegible] has aid to your [illegible]

This Evening was [illegible] by Mr Bacon & an address to a colored reff the Colored people of this city in one of the [illegible] (Rev. D.) - It has proved an occasion of the deepest interest to all who were present. The church was crowded in every part - & doubtless many were unable to gain admittance - Mr Bacon was first introduced & spoke concerning the "present condition of the South" prefacing his remarks by a beautiful & equal expectation of the Enthusiasm between himself & [illegible] since his labors in this Subject - He continued by reading carefully selected paragraphs - glanced from [illegible] the hostility of the South then people to [illegible] in behalf of freedom. Mr darling Husband next addressed them - on the "Rights & Qualifications & Duties of the Colored Freemen of America" relating his personal Experience among them as a citizen & Soldier - declaring that these Rights were the same as enjoyed by others qualifications equal - or capable of becoming so. [illegible] a full proportion of their Rights - depicted as a [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] around the battle field, & recited [illegible] have been & are being slain in committed upon these fortunate people in the [illegible] - [illegible] are bitter in the South - [illegible] indignant protest against [illegible] or [illegible] the [illegible] would permit [illegible]

SATURDAY. February 24th. 1866.

exist & finally closed by a grand & classic [illegible] which is to come in which the colored race & the friends of Freedom will be arrayed on one side - and a perverted Government - led by a false & perfidious Executive on the other. De [illegible] of Africa would become the saviours of our [illegible] - [illegible] will with great [illegible] and appearance for the audience [illegible] - [illegible] during life addressed the audience and in words of [illegible] the policy of the Administration - Condemning Mr Johnson and all who like him sacrificing principle to pride - [illegible] that the fate of the humble condition of the [illegible] had been [illegible] to the freedom, & [illegible] that man [illegible] should make such evidence the [illegible] that he should [illegible] end of their present condition to one of [illegible] & freedom. That the Administration had already begun the war "[illegible]" and that when the opposing forces found that they were equally balanced - in the end - the black man would be sought and [illegible] to come to save the nation from destruction. Then will begin a war - for Mr Johnson had predicted [illegible] and in which Freedom & justice will finally triumph - drowning this, effectually "Moses" of the colored race who has led them "Pharaoh into the Red Sea of his own hatred - while the hand of Heaven parts the waves - for the oppressed to walk dry shod through - Then shall the find the Saviour of our Country and [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday February 24th 1856. Washington D.C.

The Press and People all over the north condemn Mr Fillmore in most decided terms, & recognize him
[illegible] to be an equal with Buchanan & his leader on Kansas and Slavery. We learned the Republicans of
the Administration would be beaten night before last in Marshall and enquiries the great responsibility that
rests upon the Administration when [illegible] the assembling, we composed of that
class from a slender tottering business & the kind of influence that usually [illegible] of British demoral-
izing. The Republican Party did not and would not sustain it and for once Mr Seward proved
himself a statesman & his party. On the same platform with the Democrats and the unexpired democracy — the
[illegible] was pronounced a failure and Mr Seward came back to Washington a sorry if not a little man —
[illegible] Bad Thunder [illegible] in the state papers has been brought to bear and condition. Only [illegible]
[illegible] Fremont and hell yet [illegible] for the American people [illegible] his principles were well
[illegible] to be [illegible] to meet Mr Floyd [illegible] [illegible] but could not go
on account of the indisposition of his mother. [illegible] Friday night and somewhat change his
[illegible] of Black [illegible] & he felt [illegible] recommendations the Kansas [illegible] and [illegible] should
[illegible] the garrison of his palace day.

Mr Darling wife addressed the Spiritualists of Washington this morning upon "Children's Rights" a Theme for the
rising generation. The audience was large and intelligent and the lecture very interesting. The
speaker having the unfavorable [illegible] of the present system of education, showing the child as subjected to the
[illegible] piece — [illegible] his lessons dressed with his head [illegible] of blue, made a sense of pleasure and
contentment [illegible] the mode, as far as [illegible] the child [illegible] for the fashion of modern [illegible]
of the [illegible] of his presence. — subjected them to the [illegible] of irresponsible ignorant & criminal [illegible] and
[illegible] dreams, proceed them to do [illegible] by setting [illegible] on a hard bench [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] the lessons [illegible] the little [illegible] as a [illegible] & [illegible] by the [illegible] system
to make them [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] and confining & imprisonment [illegible] the little
[illegible] [illegible] are [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the mental and physical systems [illegible]
the plea that children should not be [illegible] and — [illegible] [illegible] that they should not be of the
[illegible] beauty intelligent and beautiful children. The [illegible] [illegible] the language — the mode of education
[illegible] was not adapted to the natural and spiritual nature, citing the method of object teaching as an
excellent one. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the kind of food of which it is made. [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] all interesting the child [illegible] [illegible]
thought, and at the same time [illegible] their amusement and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
teacher from the [illegible] children. I remember [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY. February 26th. 1866.

This morning Shanne came & wrote a Congo [illegible] men Parker & Dr. Howard also giving the "Singing Mordo" in which the Doctor read his "Spiritual Frame" – It was "Dark & Gloomy" [illegible]

Present of the U. States Chamber, and Senate, Howard read from the minutes of Parker's communication and Shanne. There is not of white Gentleman gathering when found a man and a woman of African extraction, the description of Mr. that was represented to Parker as being Senator Sumner's [illegible] repeat a detection upon his head. – When [illegible] Parker [illegible] Vienna and [illegible] to the [illegible] Pauls [illegible] Prussian [illegible] stand" [illegible] Parker [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

WEDNESDAY. February 28th. 1866.

Wrote this morning to the Richmonds in ans. to a letter rec'd a month ago. My darling was also writing but had to go out early to see Mr Stebbins about [illegible] call on Mrs Stebbins when my husband met me. I had a delightful call & find a true & sincere friend in Mrs S. — We attended in the Senate today & heard a portion of a very able speech by Senator Pugh of Ala. It is one of the best speeches of the season. — Went from the Senator, [illegible] & spend the evening in the [illegible] & rocking. The baby is flourishing quietly as had a very cozy time, and we felt very much pleased with our visit in general. Mrs Blair had some for us there, as Mr wrote that I was more than anyone in the city? Last night — Parker — through my darling — again predicted that we were on the eve of a most terrible war, and that not a few days would elapse, ere the President proclaimed the southern states in the Union and force at the point of the bayonet. The southern Representatives cut, laugh — then would come bloody war and final, he closed with a grand thrilling and magnificent description of what was to come, and closed with a glorious peroration — calling forth from the audience — repeated demonstrations of applause. — At the conclusion — some gentleman in the audience rose & after moving a vote of thanks, to the speaker — requested that the lecture might be repeated on Thursday & put it to vote — it was unanimously carried — and so most thronged night we took, was announced for a repetition. Noticed among the audience Senator Howard, Genl Banks, & many other noted foreigners. — The lecture was indeed a very, and caused the audience to applaud, with the [illegible] demonstrations of disturbance were made, and had been warned time & again — but the element was outside the hall, & only kept back through fear of the law, & failed to disturb. Congratulations followed me, & all the way home and all came away, satisfied with the result of the evening.

To Mrs Whelpley

From honeysuckle vernal orchards —
Thro' the morning mists & shadows
Hidden from the sight —
Upward towards the sunlight springing
Soaring, diving, sweetly singing —
In the morning light. —

So from every nest of sadness
Sweets each such sunlight gladness
Doth thy spirit soar. —
Flashing wings of golden brightness
And such heart of joyous lightness
Singing ever more. —

And thy silent thoughts unbidden
Text by love & sunlight bidden.
Proved the same —
And to others this thought is given,
That of Perth's fair of heaven
Dreaden Lady's name —

Shenandoah. —

The above poem was given by Thomas last Sunday. A little sociable here — but not offensive under the circ[illegible]

THURSDAY, March 1st, 1866.

[illegible] to that — The [illegible] very cordial & as forgotten the affair. [illegible] a year ago she was not on the best of terms with the writer — but her memory is short or treacherous, or on the whole I do not know but that it is a virtue to forget in such cases. It would be no sense from them when return & remorse but her character is like that of the ground-lizzie to wear at any moment. —

The following beautiful little poem came through kindly Thomas to Mr Clove —

"Case of Silence."

In the forest wild & hoary
When the winds repeat their story
And deep solitude display
Everywhere proclaims —
When the aspiring shrub & bushes
And the pearly forest rushes
And the echo ever hushes
In the wood-nymph's mansions

So a sweet case we hath
Splendors which no sunbeam shedeth
And which every fairy feleth
In her charmed home
Often thus from eyes of mortals
In the ground & shrinking portals
Hidden by the great immortals
Till the hour doth come

All thy noblest thoughts concealing
Till thro' love or grief revealing
Thou shalt ever find
That the truest & purest treasures
Are the ones which virtue measures —
In silent case of mind.

Shenandoah —

A little maiden occurred to my mind which illustrate human nature most excellently well — Just such my darling [illegible] that Mrs Matthews. Perhaps I mistake in case — at the couple did not quit her well. That was well, that she should have done so — or that she — by not taking her home when [illegible] came away, slighted her on account of her connection with Sheridan. Accordingly this morning, she paid her back call & [illegible] [illegible] Mrs Sherrill, Mrs Frank [illegible] & Mrs Foley — [illegible] [illegible] that left a very unpleasant impression [illegible]

Attended — after much deliberation on the subject & the [illegible] of Speaker Colfax [illegible] the Senate [illegible] to go — [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] husband [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY, March 2d, 1866.

Genl Banks was a particularly pleasant to hear of as lost evening. Strange that he is seeking to make capital for his past measures by crying out against tyranny and would be extinguished by early principle. [illegible] enough [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Sunday [illegible] 1861

The morning mail at the breakfast table brought a package from the Standard containing the manuscript of a poem — unpublished — & a splendid letter from Baron Dellsberg [illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] would not look with [illegible] [illegible] Passed [illegible] at the Standard [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY. March 5th. 1866.

[illegible] prepared to go to the Capitol as [illegible] the Commission [illegible] be considered [illegible] the House [illegible] the Senate [illegible] "on Appropriations" We were told that the Jenny matter had been postponed until to-morrow. It will probably be several days before it will be decided — Iowa amnesty will be admitted — if so it will be the precursor of admitting all the Rebel States — but Probably on such Conditions as Mother The President for the States will accept. [illegible] We sat in our room during the [illegible] of the Grand [illegible] I was impelled to speak while [illegible] & the following words were addressed to us — [illegible] These are the words & thoughts given to us by one name we know not — but who sheds on us the silvery shower of his divine thought.

The Communication —

Nearer & still nearer to the Mountain of [illegible] Higher and still higher up the Mount of Knowledge — Closer & Closer do your feet tread to the golden margin of the Heavenly Land — dearer & still more dear your souls shall cling together — made one by the perfect Love which enfolds you! Trust your [illegible] Lightnings they will lead you aright! — [illegible] Streams whose crystal sources are far apart — [illegible] upon the pinnacle of that Mountain whose summit [illegible] Even their shadows may not reach you! [illegible] They draped in its clearest glow — & Clear & Cloudless your lives shall be — the shades of [illegible] your souls [illegible] Can no more reach [illegible] your [illegible] Can not let [illegible] Glorious outlines [illegible] that we [illegible] head above you on the [illegible] your [illegible]

TUESDAY. March 6th. 1866.

Presence — You will feel it more & more. when [illegible] in each other's arms. all thoughts of the world are [illegible] more beautiful will the light [illegible] stronger & stronger will be your [illegible] & bliss which is [illegible]

[illegible] you tell us of the future?

Ans. You have been told what is to come [illegible] follow your impressions they will guide you [illegible] you cannot under existing circumstances do any [illegible] in Connection with the Govt. your heart is not [illegible] go where your feelings [illegible] Can you consent?

Q. Shall we leave W. as soon as we intend?

Ans. You will be directed — if nothing intervenes [illegible] with you & tis any concern which you feel in [illegible]

[illegible] "leaving" referred to the letter [illegible] to the colored people of this city in behalf of the family of a [illegible] who had been sold into slavery from this district some nine years ago & who she now wished to return home to Washington. [illegible] large and attentive audience of colored people [illegible] being the only white people present in attendance — The subject was "The Sunday Bond" on the [illegible] times, and of general language. the past and present of the Spirit was [illegible] and the manner in which this Sunday [illegible] of Freedom. then yet the same Hand would lead them [illegible] the land ruled by Liberty, though they [illegible] the Red sea of blood to attain the same — At the Conclusion the address was concluded with a series of resolutions embodying the sense of the lecture and in consideration [illegible] the following beautiful hymn was sung for the purpose —

[illegible] Sermon & Sermon & the violation of this inherent principle of justice, the people upon whom have been heaped & sold [illegible] the God of the [illegible] and [illegible] & finite & avenging justice has burst their bonds, thro' the [illegible] broken on the [illegible] of the nation [illegible] & our people are [illegible] penalty, death, death, at the hands of [illegible] master's [illegible] Rebellion — That we find pledges made [illegible] in the [illegible] manner, is made our grade in our [illegible] organic place [illegible] & shield for the education of our children [illegible] and that [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] that [illegible] the people of this nation, the government, the [illegible] of the coherent Right, never ceasing even unto death —

Washington City, D. C.

WEDNESDAY, March 7th, 1866.

[illegible] "Resolved That we pursue the guiding hand of our [illegible] Father in all our trials & blessings, & that his [illegible] has led us thus far towards the light we claim [illegible] of freedom, & that we will continue to trust & labor [illegible] knowing that God is still our strength & shield & we will [illegible] victory. Firm & undaunted we take the end."

"Poem — Song of Freedom. —

I.

Slave, no more! Tho' a conqueror chain
[illegible]
Let them come —
Little comfort will they find
Now can they chain the mind
Let them come

II

Tho' the land be red with blood.
[illegible] in it, dark & dread
Let it come
Tho' our wives & children die,
We will never bend a knee.
Let it come.

III

Tho' the tyrant at our door,
Bids us hope & trust no more
Let it come —
Now in prison all we pray,
God will send on some day.
Let it come —

IV.

Let it come —
Tho' the battle sound afar
And we hear the works of war.
Let it come. —

V

[illegible] daughter dare not come
[illegible] to place a home.
Let it come.
He shall part the Red Sea as of old,
God's kind hand will cover and hold.
Let it come. —

VI

Slave oh now! see the birds
And the flocks & loving herds.
They are free —
He their King and Liberty.
God hath made all nations free
Let it come.

VII.

Slave, no more! Tho' the sun,
Can his splendid course run,
Man free —
Tho' the day & night be shine
Yet will dawn our Right to come
Man free —"

At the conclusion of the above, the Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the audience and loud applause rung with the leaders. Great enthusiasm was manifested and the disposed [illegible] to them as ably & as decidedly by the five speakers. [illegible] much deserved, and real truth & the rights of the nation, they [illegible] they can be trusted, and it is a satisfaction to work for them, they [illegible] By doing so we will have a glorious work to do among these people — need our [illegible] to do it well and effectually — we matter what may come.

My dear husband & myself attended the session in the Senate today & listened to a very eloquent & thrilling speech against the Nebraska Bill [illegible] — Slide [illegible] — to the address — it occupied nearly three hours & was one of the ablest of the many able efforts of that glorious advocate of Freedom! the galleries were well filled [illegible] with much enthusiasm [illegible] many great & noble thoughts [illegible] of the [illegible]

THURSDAY, March 8th, 1866.

[illegible] conversation briefly at the close of our Senators' remarks — Douglas is a true Genius — grand is [illegible] every day in the estimation of our best friends [illegible] But we both think Purvis his superior. The latter seems moulded in finer form [illegible] Get both our representative men & are destined to lead this people & even the nation a long distance on the road to perfect Freedom. [illegible]

Congress & the Constitution. Also delivering lectures — to the Colored people in their churches & to their majority in such "an an cambler pronounced — for let it be recorded! — that the gowns of all Halls — and the Mosques of all Churches — give all Garrison & have uprooted Douglas the use of their buildings — [illegible] — but of his Kneeling devotion to the [illegible] money — the [illegible] the [illegible] has not accomplished its work! —

Passed the evening at Nellie's — where we met [illegible] to Lucy Ann & Mrs Bridge & were treated to the [illegible] of the [illegible]. The occasion was most delightful and pleasing to us all — we found great social [illegible] generally between them & ourselves & shall ever [illegible] them as among our most valued acquaintances: of course the conversation was mostly political as the great events of the hour are uppermost in all minds [illegible] with the evening & each [illegible] good [illegible] & Good [illegible] — [illegible] — Friday! Thursday — Today — We have been writing & packing [illegible] day — preparatory to departing on the morrow. Spent [illegible] to Burlington to see the Wolcomans' in their lovely [illegible] home & thence was treated to Mothers' — We [illegible] to go to the Senate but had too much to do. & as [illegible] was fixed for the [illegible] on the Apostate to be [illegible] my darling thought I had better remain quiet. — The vote on the proposed Constitutional Amendt. will be taken today pending which [illegible] we do not know there will be an [illegible] — I hope it will not pass — as it is but [illegible] of the pardon con promises to the White man's [illegible] [illegible] against it because they cry out it is a Con [illegible] there are Attorney & Cabinet & Subversion of that [illegible] Justice & Liberty should govern the Legislature & Congress. Wrote to Emma today and [illegible] & [illegible] — did not tell Father & Mother that we were coming [illegible] — so soon as we wish to give them a surprise [illegible] — Met at Phiandanquen & all in clear [illegible] [illegible] Mrs G. is a cha[illegible] intelligent — she [illegible] myself was delighted to meet our [illegible] Mr. Chairman [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] Mr. [illegible] — Tuesday & [illegible] [illegible] from California [illegible] & [illegible] husband [illegible]

Burlington Hawkeye

FRIDAY, March 9th, 1866.

The Treasury Department — [illegible] not exact as to hours of [illegible], by the mistake or [illegible] of a clerk — when I last saw Mr. Chairman Doolittle on my way to [illegible] to take leave of the Internal Revenue Department of [illegible] and did not expect to further see or see again the [illegible]

At the [illegible] gentleman [illegible] strangers approached [illegible] with a most exquisite bouquet. [illegible] arranged in most beautiful manner [illegible] presented to Mrs. Doolittle [illegible] with [illegible] Address to Washington — almost [illegible]

[illegible] the splendid minds in Congress who have [illegible] the respect of good men & women!

Our journey was most pleasant, & we fortunately had the [illegible] to secure a gentleman's [illegible] for our darling, who provided her with a most beautiful bouquet of flowers, a gloriously [illegible] — she was delighted [illegible] beautiful flowers. The hostess [illegible] the day enjoying the delightful society of [illegible] friends. [illegible] purpose. Left Washington yesterday morning [illegible] & reached a summer [illegible] pleasant climate & [illegible] — [illegible] delightful [illegible] & [illegible] — [illegible] Mr. Partridge [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] Mr. Partridge [illegible] solemnly [illegible] solemnly [illegible] impulse and all time and harmonized with a true spirit of progress & Reform — he is a splendid specimen of our Country's [illegible] men — he has [illegible] accumulated in his [illegible] [illegible] splendid [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible] world [illegible] Mr. Partridge is one of the few in this world [illegible] darling is recovering —

SATURDAY. March 10th, 1866.

[illegible] the most terrible infliction [illegible] such wide attention [illegible] the [illegible] of Mrs. Lincoln & brought [illegible] in contrast with that noble woman in the case of Mrs. Johnson & since that time the most serious that the President could have utterred when he pronounced to receive the Mrs. Lincoln. The [illegible] of the Petitioners that was laid before [illegible] present position with the President [illegible] respect and [illegible] accuse President Johnson [illegible] of Kansas [illegible] President [illegible] of suffering for the late war [illegible] President [illegible] of the thousands who have fallen on the battle fields or in hospital [illegible] the mothers of suffering [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of Rogers [illegible] [illegible] the whole [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that when this [illegible] paper [illegible] would be [illegible] some one [illegible] could be found [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Burlington, New Jersey. March 11th 1861

[illegible] Friday [illegible] Fortune [illegible] taking from Philadelphia and other [illegible] [illegible] young gentlemen [illegible] [illegible] spent a very pleasant day altogether, [illegible] the conversation, reading and music & recitations. — [illegible] departed for Philadelphia & [illegible] [illegible] the evening the Rifling performers from Oswego [illegible] on the stage very darling, was influenced by the [illegible] Poet Shelley and gave us all a splendid Com- [illegible] she on this occasion was most decidedly inspired — Afterward, Shamie came and gave the [illegible] symbolic names with the following singing words.

"To Miss Nettie — "Moss Rose Bud"

To Mrs Jackson — "[illegible]

Half blown in bright gardens rare —
[illegible]
Among the flowers pure & fair
This bud the sweetest frame —
Opening its dewy petals, oft
To drink the morning light
[illegible]
Reflecting Heaven's light.
Guarded by nature's cemented strong
Nor hand can mar its grace.
[illegible]
Its beauty ever to trace
[illegible]
Pure rare and lovely truth.
[illegible]
[illegible]
Its form alone [illegible]
Reveals and yet to claim —
[illegible]
"Moss Rose bud" is thy name. —
Shamie.

"To Miss Mary — "Japan Lily"

When wasting Palm Trees on the sea.
Wafted, the blear & landing ship
[illegible]
Trees, flowers or crystal streams
Filling each bear with blip —
When orange groves & myrtle bowers.
Fill with their sweets, the golden hours.
[illegible]
Each lovely shape & color holds
Thrilling with happiness.

There rising like a crowned queen.
Beneath the sunbeams rich & warm,
With snowy petals, pure as thought
[illegible] caught
And odors rich & rare.
[illegible] sunbeams fall.
Shedding its beauty over all.
So when the beams of love-light shine
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
Thy soul must dwell in love's own home
And all its loveliness unfold
[illegible]
And with the flower it [illegible]
[illegible]
Shamie

Clear and shining as the darts of light —
Which the [illegible] dost hurl [illegible]
against the shadows of the fleeting night
Till they have fled
[illegible] as the crystal [illegible] on earth.
The lines of rarest beauty & true worth.
When fancies head.

Such is thy spirit seeking ever truth
[illegible] for the Hand of Youth.
Form Heaven Caught.
[illegible] all the Heaven
And rarest hues illume the sky of Love.
[illegible]
[illegible]
Shamie

"[illegible] Wild Bird

Fluttering soaring — singing still
Happy all the day
Pursuing near the shining rill
Warbling on its way.
Flashing plumes & shining crest
[illegible]
Its rich plumage ever dressed
Sporting on the lawn
Wondrous & winged. joyous thing
Warbling of love
[illegible] youth & [illegible]
Type of Heaven above.

Sunshine is its life & joy.
Wild woods are its home.
Naught of care can ever annoy
Sorrow never can come.
Thus they spend free as thought
Deep ill, pinions oft.
Lithe warm [illegible] Heaven [illegible]
Be ill, sunbeams [illegible]

[illegible]
Which we can ever prove
Tho' free & fearless every day
"The Wild Bird" lives by [illegible]

The other "singing words" as Shamie call, [illegible] reading [illegible] the [illegible] peculiar characteristic [illegible] which they were given. All were [illegible] received and expressed and pleasant & satisfactory with the many [illegible]

MONDAY, March 12th, 1866.

The hours to day is comparatively quiet to what it was yesterday — all excepting Mrs Darling, Mrs Goodman & Prof. Fraz, being about in the city of Philadelphia. Mr Goodman, however, at first Delaware & elsewhere, has been out. The city nearly every day, so that but little of his time is spent at home. I think Mr Jackson (although a democrat and the first one of the same that I know that I can for a moment tolerate) a very pleasant genial gentleman. He is not however a democrat of the modern school, but and ultimately for him he cannot quite throw — overboard his old state rights principles, &c. &c. the heavy hand on his low and educated cute have that cause him now to adhere to the south, increased & intensified. He does not admire Johnson and considers him as unscrupulous equally with the Republicans. But he believes in the abstract doctrine of secession and thinks the south was right — although he does not approve the enormous of their action — slavery. That is just the point. As one for a moment believes that any southern state would ever have thought of seceding had not slavery been at stake. I think under the Radical & Reformatory strength of Mr Goodman, hospitable home, & the manipulation of Prof Haller, whom I have predict, will be, within less than eighteen months that is the space of two years, he will be as Radical, Politically & Religiously, as I am myself. — This little poem was given through Shannon this morning to little Jessie.

"Blending all hues & odors sweet.
Inches flower their beauties meet.
Every breath doth sorrow or chill
Every ray of sunlight thrill.
[illegible] for
[illegible] tendrils twine
[illegible] doth shine
All is beauty is not known
Something like a hidden bone
Aught can destroy.
And this nature [illegible]
With a wealth of power to charm
Thrilled by every [illegible] care remain
Must in love [illegible] & hover.
Every day & hour.
Then the tendrils will entwine
And with every heart combine
Half concealing the sweet smell
Which the grace & charm doth tell.
For "the Passion Flower" Shannon"

The family were delighted with the above little gem and was so fine of "little Jessie" who is the spoiled favorite of all. Mrs Goodman is decided among a charitable work in the city & always wearing her mean — & she has been some time [illegible]

TUESDAY, March 13th, 1866.

[illegible] New York this morning to attend to a little [illegible] I received no letter [illegible] letter before starting from Boston that stolen that in a circle take at his hand. The spirit of Daniel Webster and others came and my mother & wife in [illegible] in Washington. No one more or greater than [illegible] — and he [illegible] accomplish more at that point in the [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Barbieglin Aurfers

WEDNESDAY, March 14th, 1866.

Found yesterday on arrival – that our dear friends Pel, had left the day before. had removed their goods & effects. Could not see them or hear not been. –

[illegible] the weather is delightful. Birds sing & perch on the balmy breezes of flowers – birds are carolling their united melodies, the air is perfumed, the sky, and all nature seems alive with joy and melody – We drove out driven in the fresh Canadian air and caper delightful air. [illegible] check. We then on [illegible] delightful scene – for to morrow we start for home. Farewell ye mountains of western New York – when the sick key pitch [illegible] and the asks made, that yet is heard upon effection, in the animal creation that I know, there is a language here and in friends here. how such a splendid fair night has – as dawn and graceful a twilight, and so beautiful a sunset the [illegible] flitting the road. [illegible] Monarch, lake, on [illegible] – But doubt, myself an passionately fond of these creations. hope at a not distant day pretty our lovely home [illegible] of some of the settle [illegible] of the [illegible] Zahari.

We had a lovely ride in the fine carriage of our friends. drawn by three beautiful [illegible] Thoroughbreds after a [illegible] [illegible] lovely views which a lovely day [illegible] delighted with the prophecies of spring. The air is most delightful & balmy & we [illegible] so much – but tomorrow we leave for our brothers home: how delighted I shall be to see us. Shannie came for a little dollies in the [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] – [illegible] is [illegible] for us – [illegible] the last time before we leave. We have enjoyed our visit very much. But we needed last good one moment of our joy for all the trouble & [illegible] which surrounded us here –

THURSDAY. March 15th, 1866.

Spent the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] warm atmosphere – [illegible] [illegible] for our departure! [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible] [illegible] – but the [illegible] [illegible] are more than [illegible] [illegible] love – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FRIDAY. March 16th. 1866.

SATURDAY. March 17th, 1866.

[illegible] about [illegible]

[illegible] suppose the household [illegible] (Sister) does not know our arrival & have the sound of our [illegible] been delayed today - [illegible] patient [illegible] we to see her

[illegible] full mounted [illegible] to the end of the [illegible] & comfortable, snows a little fill the air & [illegible] our native hills - but hence [illegible] the [illegible] & we are almost!

[illegible] & we must reach a light [illegible] & [illegible] about 40 miles distant & [illegible] the "accommodation" which soon did come about ending [illegible] miles distant!

Well thank God we have passed "the Rubicon" - and landed safely among the hills of old Allegany - and precious old mountains they are

Cuba N.Y. Sunday

March 17th 1872

a neighbor & had warm maple sugar [illegible]

[illegible] (Something I've never tasted [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] for equal suffrage [illegible]

[illegible] "Let us go [illegible]

[illegible] "Let us have all the truth before the people are educated to receive the truth." & I love it [illegible]

[illegible] "How strange it appears that people [illegible] the idea of the equal rights of all" [illegible] on account of color or race [illegible]

find my darling's family of the right stamp - good sterling New York Farmers - liberal in their ideas & in, my mind, of the title of Christians. - she dont profess to pleasure - she dont pretend to be much but where you assume much but where you come down to the hard pure of truth and principle, she is solid every time. - It is enough for me to say that she is my wife, worthy of being the mother of my darling wife. and that is the greatest praise that could be awarded her. When such pleasant relations are brought out, exclude all enemies for one life - respect, trust, love, cherish, be done. - yet have enjoyed ourselves hugely for the last few days. treating the boys with a baking sugar. are have a good time generally. - The good old-fashioned custom of family meetings, as kept up here, is very dear to me, an invitation to a family gathering, where all the good souls, Christ, Christian, or a assembled together to look at the Cross & little children - finally brat as life keep & a, they and other people politically they need a little performing up - and we think we are the first the ones to do the work, if they are not advanced [illegible]

Albany, Ga. 1866.

MONDAY. March 19th. 1866.

died by poor brother — which he is and I know will be welcome; now there is only Cousin Lizzie & his family left

for below sister Bonnie drifted down here — a large red cornelia stage — this afternoon, also gladdens our hearts, with her beauty, presence. She is a darling sister, as, blooming as the pink bitter cups that cover yonder hill side, and as artless, and guileless as, innocence can be. We love her coming very much, as our home, there is never complete and it is so pleasant for my darling to gather once more around the family hearthstone, and with the blessed consciousness of perfect fearless rest, [illegible]

TUESDAY. March 20th. 1866.

Dunn's it is almost a pity to [illegible] true, but we must have her sweet presence

Here this day, future rebellion — We are taking solid comfort — here our little cottage plan, unpretending, but comfortable, matters, around a warm fire, while the snow beats against the window, and the wind blows fiercely, howling up through the rattling over the hill, as if all the winds of the Bone, had broke loose. We are a happy family — and only wish that we could for a while forget the rough battling world & bury ourselves in the joys & comforts of our quiet home. — Our good kind mother, cannot do too much for our comfort, and our dear sister needs just what nothing is in our power to give her, which [illegible] our prayer that God may [illegible] the friend, [illegible] Come

WEDNESDAY. March 21st. 1866.

[illegible]

[illegible] sick for he is always [illegible] terrible to have [illegible]
But nothing can kill [illegible]
dear Mother's kindness [illegible]
he will come home [illegible] [illegible] is his
life & knowledge will [illegible]

Possibly, after my recovery — or than have must consequently sick with the plague of the country, Lightning — Bright back to its Creation — Possibly say a few words about Mother "packet" If she can get one in one of the Confederate ships again it will be when I am either Drunk or Dead — for it is certainly the coolest way of intimating mine, as the old lady calls it, that ever was confined up in the Grave of the most radiant Conductor of Lunatic Asylums — the packet is not in fan not [illegible]

THURSDAY. March 22d. 1866

[illegible] coast. Indeed I [illegible]
[illegible] Materia Medica. (Read this [illegible]
[illegible] very brave one else health [illegible]
[illegible] soon. "This is a terrible climate [illegible]
"I do not wonder he is sick [illegible]
[illegible] not one day of [illegible]
"But it will come by & bye."
"The Fever" didn't kill me quite — and mother's kind & most excellent nursing brought me safely through the Inflammatory stage of the complaint — and I day by fail better, though my throat feels like a melting Grater —
The inner skin still continues outside and the climate is a fit accompaniment to any kind of Hell — Sulphur sprinkled —
Mother gives me warm applications to the throat — plenty of thoroughwort and Rhubarb & good [illegible]

Allegany Co. N.Y.

FRIDAY, March 23d. 1866.

Our husband is a little better today but he is very weak & his throat is still very sore. — About eleven O'Clock Uncle Lewis Brown & Aunt Louisa — Aunt Eliza Little Cora, & Mariana came to visit us — these are our sisters of Mother & came from the Hill & we were so afraid the excitement would worry my poor — but he bore it well. — Aunt Louisa brought us "jungle" for the throat made of [illegible] & raspberry juice — It relieved the heat of any — his throat

[illegible] young girls better than any day [illegible] our friends

Except another of our young friends died, this at our Uncles & Aunts, & offering on a summer's "to leave in Pallambra". but they are of the right stamp & with strong "We deserve the" blessed on children of the County, and full, general, agreed, although, they are plenty [illegible] not far distant, when they will all say yes with a hearty emphasis.

SATURDAY. March 24th. 1866.

Today, Francis is still better. The blood ceased to flow — the throat is a great improvement & I am so glad — that he is better for it almost makes me ill to have him [illegible] morning [illegible] over & the brook out of the way before our head company arrived — Cousin Henry Hendrigx & his wife from the Hill. — They are young & taking married, & seem quite delap for one another. — Henry & my dear [illegible] — both being [illegible] forward night & while [illegible] supper — Uncle Ira Scott & wife called — Flora also came from school — & we had quite a [illegible] Henry & wife [illegible] "the Nile" [illegible]

[illegible] spend the [illegible]

but [illegible] not put up to my or suffer age — preferred by rapidly & the time [illegible] goes with a hearty emphasis.

Sunday in the Country is always quiet & we usually when time is not even the sound of the Church-going bell — But time is nevertheless a "meeting" & that too of a liberal & advanced kind — the Immortalists — which is no different in this case, "Spiritualist" except in name, — All the family attended except my darling & myself. We preferred our own society & books & papers — to any sermon. — Reading our "[illegible]" [illegible] & listening to the words of endearment sweeter than songs or anthems — to those who have the "[illegible]" there is no end of prayers & sermons! But alas, how few get possess this true Kingdom — Under the [illegible] & [illegible] — your mite!

After Church — several high-bred friends called, but we did not see them — The Minister was among them — After all were gone except Uncle & Aunt Morgan & their children Hend & Ellen — We came out & visited having a pleasant social chat and dinner. Before they left they invited us to take tea at their house & promised to come for us — as they intend going away to school & we have promised to go to Uncle Ed's Tuesday. They said they would come for us tomorrow [illegible] the night at their house & go to Uncle Ed's [illegible] day — This fills the programme for the week [illegible] the coming [illegible] have gone & we are happy in the blessed comforts of home — Browne & Flora returned [illegible] grateful.

We have had the joy of being alone for the greater part of the day. And our alone is all the world to us — our love is the Universe and we need no other pleasure or book or amusement to enrich or fill the fold of time. — My health is usual restored — and my darling wife better than I anticipated, for her doctor has medicine. Come and heal us magnetism, our benediction for us, [illegible] sympathy [illegible] Ever & ever

Allegany Co. N.Y.

MONDAY. March 26th. 1866.

[illegible]

cold -- for the [illegible]

About four P.M. - Hunt came [illegible]

of two miles a very agreable change. Uncle & Aunt welcomed us most [illegible]

fire blazed on the hearth; found Cousin Alice at home with her young babe - & Cousin Rosa - cozily keeping house [illegible]

a year old. -- We had tea, & in [illegible] her husband & child came in - also a bottle of lemons, of [illegible]

Johnson -- I never thought to see us [illegible]

& night. ----

TUESDAY March 27th, 1866.

The woodchucks return, the first pleasant day, emerged from our retreat - and found sweet sunlight in the hospitable home of our good friends Samuel Morgan, Affectionate family, have they, and mean we yet, Cousin, [illegible] not so safe indeed, rest, good things exceedingly. The folks on all sides [illegible] [illegible] good work [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] after supping [illegible] [illegible] Capt [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] Indian guide [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of which I remember [illegible] But after it was all over [illegible] the following [illegible] [illegible] & everything apparently [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] troubled about the [illegible]

Narrow bridge - on which a grand [illegible] [illegible] Congress was convened there [illegible] & called out & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Allegany Co N.Y.

WEDNESDAY. March 28th. 1866.

After a pleasant morning visit & some music: Darling. Cattaraugus County Springs. The carriage came for us to go to Uncle Ed's. Cousin Freddie has come drove the horses & having been down to the village brought us Mail. A Standard. Some copies of the "Reconstructionist" & New Orleans papers. This furnished news for the day & food for conversation which we well enjoyed by us all. —

A neighbor of Uncle's came in. & Jay darling devoted himself to reconstructing "him for the right" & with good results — for he had good material to work upon — an honest man — & we all deeply interested in the conversation. Aunt prepared some new sugar. & our conversation was interspersed with "scrapes" — "wax" & "grained" sugar in abundance, & most interruptions true. We returned

THURSDAY. March 29th. 1866.

Surely, visiting is the order of the day & we are bound to fill it. Nothing set down for today & have promised ourselves several days to write letters. Scott not attended today. but Eddie down to house — & they drove up to the Darling found it unpleasant weather. & did not accompany us. We used to come this place lonely & without him — but the house is short & the Orchard dos the — was sibley & Julia "auntie" came in & journey. & later. my darling — Jules came just in time for dinner at 4 & finally Peggie & Charlotte Dutton completed the company. — Political matters were read & discussed. & we closed the visit by singing a few "hymns" including "Doxology". with prescription of language — — Enjoyed the walk home with pronous — & enjoyed home — all

Wrote Col. A.L. Kilburn today sending them a copy of the "Seward-Mexican" legal school bills for the Standard, — which is a remarkable production and show Mr. Seward up in more

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[illegible]

[illegible] upon the hill". & in half an hour we were ready to start, found [illegible]

[illegible]

going - Cousin Jim - & Darling Broonie [illegible]

[illegible] Cousin Myra so much - since she [illegible]

[illegible] night shall be at home - - 'tis pleasant thus! -

Have congratulated today to the grand old hill, of Albany - - visiting some more of our uncle, aunt, & cousins

Our good Cousin Henry, who has just returned from the war & has also Committed matrimony, came after us, and behind a jolly pair of gray horses, we rattled through the pretty little village of Leesburg - on the Rail Road

SATURDAY, March 31st, 1866.

and on little hill, or mountain, should call them, we included one this morning at least a mile straight up in the air - Found at our Aunt's where we alighted and found a hearty country welcome - Spent the day, we thought that night & then all of us packed into a lumber wagon and such a jolly ride - a board laid across constituting the seat, upon which some of us managed to rest. The road was rough and it was decidedly rough mode of travelling, but we managed to weather it, & finally reached our destination a little brown country farm house, rather dilapidated in appearance externally but comfortable inside. Mr Breland met us at the door, and we were warmly greeted by the Uncle & Cousins within. Spent the best part of the day with them visiting, chatted & entertaining myself with a lively recital of the sterling of the great march of "Sherman" & an occasional burst of instrumental music, as I could catch the chance when my darling was not charming my ear - - At dark & after dinner we returned to the first place as we must

Alleghany Co. N.Y. Sunday April 22nd 1866.—

My Darling wife is very sick this morning, she was violently attacked last night with the Asthma, & for some time I was really alarmed, but thank God she is in good spirits quite, we were enabled to bring her out of the spasm, but she is exceedingly ill, and it will take some time for her to recover her strength again. This is the second year, coming home from the hills yesterday evening, through the rain, — Unfortunately we met with a series of disasters, which detained us in the storm, in which my darling fell in, not and bad and the violent attack in the morning.

Soon after leaving Hinds' and coming down the hill our old hack gave out and the wagon running on to the horses heels we came very near having a runaway, but the animals were old and not dangerous, so we succeeded in getting out and freeing ourselves. — Getting safely down the hill and out sight of the house, the pole to the wagon broke short off, and the horses went on a gallop, one right over, plump into the ditch, which was quite deep but narrow, so that we did not quite turn over, but we tumbled all together in a heap, the team found no bottom, and my darling mother had to walk back to the nearest house through the storm & mud, where we got another wagon and came on home. The fright and exposure was too much for her delicate health and she was the sufferer of much pain for it. — It seems so hard and dreary to have my darling one confined to her room with sickness, but I am with her, and although I miss her frequent manner & cheerful conversation, yet, when even pain cannot check or change it, I am happy to be her best earthly friend, & that such comfort & rest is all the medicine she requires. I am so thankful to think we are at home — we can make her so much more comfortable than elsewhere. — Thanks come to us, in one of her most violent of attacks last night and this morning, that she would not have anesthetics administered

Allegany Co. Md.

MONDAY, April 2d, 1866.

My darling is much better this morning, but is not yet able to sit up. Her strength is further exhausted, as the attack came on and it will take a long time for her to regain it. She is out of danger however and does not suffer much, so that I feel very rather happier than my wonted. The weather has come off warm, which is beneficial. She is so patient, gentle & grateful that it is indeed a joy to attend her. Her face radiates with some beautiful illumination upon all around her. Her influence of the sick room though sad, is yet a sweet, tender light, the chaste form, exquisite affection and matter, so to speak, over endurance and expression of our love. The sick bed is hallowed, the floor, perhaps little under it, endowed that we have so much to learn upon the object of our earthly and affection. The constant companionship of the attendant upon my night and the early morning, and healing, inspiration of pain have all combined to make it sometimes almost a blessing, despite the pain, able to bear an, therefore and manifest the desired of love that drives up on heart —

TUESDAY, April 3d, 1866.

Sweet, my precious, safe back by 12 o'clock this morning, though much shaken, happy and out of pain. It was a fearful hour of suffering, as the boy rolling down one shoulder, cut into the other, worse when she came back with the [illegible] and seemed all gone. She is perfectly conscious and her beautiful eyes, that burning, tender, often rebuking heart, are her better gentle, sweet breathe, endowment & affection upon the one, she loves so well. Thank God, darling that, in the spirit of grace, that the sweet, spiritual grace, you check and lighting for heavenly eyes. Best my pure, pleasure to keep them the benefit, not grace prevent the approach of the demon, who may have brought the second pain and suffering. The bed, my only, the flowers are open, their beautiful bed. The gentle breeze of all spirit so much of the morning, darling one, and the sun shines brightly, with the mild breeze of an April day, that seems so rather to spirit, & hasten the healing, and bring out sunshine. All combine to comfort, pain & may they succeed right speedily —

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WEDNESDAY. April 4th. 1866.

Sunshine & frost this morning. Sap boiled down as all cool down. Darkness settled well last night and felt so well this morning — so much satisfied with encouraging that she will run some longer and herself again.

Shall finish boiling the sap long as can, and then as is able set up next week the day and let sap settle, and create the confusement and mess of a sick room —

Little Cousin Edd, Frederick and myself have been discussing for some time the feasibility of securing a part of somebody's sugar bush on the second, who you, with the sugar making business — we have started here off the hill to go to Uncle Ed Chamberlain's to see a fine bush just back of your house, and before we may see fit to go to sugar bush respected, in single one is proceedingly small. Edd also will confer the effect and that alone is my chief endeavoring at it —

Edd has returned and reports that neither Dan nor Frederick on not an occasion to go at it tomorrow, and make maple sugar —

THURSDAY. April 5th. 1866.

Sunshine again, after a clear frost and no frost. Sap is taken before this morning light, and slept one although as favorable to go into the sugar bush rather cold is not enough to leave alone for a short time for rather, I may say with mother, that Frederick and Edd to go after more after — The is our first experience at sugar making, and it is fully forty rod to day, here or rather lapped some wider bees, placed our pans under the spout and the sap runs beautifully. We handles some tin kettles, or, some slates, and at an upper for boiling. It is rather hard work, at late considerable need to keep the fire going, and some remains as my, after the sap is boiled & making the largest brandies not handled, pull over the bush before them. Edd played and fished on the bees morning. Learned that I can raise a large bee; commenced bees, at his solicitation, after finishing the road distance. Found that we safe sam & bees arrived before we left at my bees; weather cutting & cold. Prefer maple sap —

FRIDAY. April 6th. 1866.

[illegible] and [illegible] today, took with my daughter, rode & [illegible] enjoyed. — We took at Eddy and myself we should be able to procure specimens of the genus [illegible] — we took several, [illegible] and [illegible]. — Well what not [illegible] off, but we indulged down our crop of [illegible] soap and a pretty small pot of stiff starch, [illegible] and a dozen or [illegible] the pod we [illegible] dead in the days of [illegible]? — we think we have done a great work [illegible] have [illegible] the lake, and the [illegible] quite a much black [illegible] sugar maples [illegible]. [illegible] smacked before the molasses and [illegible] afterwards, not [illegible] which is [illegible] more [illegible] with me as I [illegible] the [illegible]. — Just [illegible] she was able to [illegible] with us, and [illegible] [illegible] but that will come in [illegible] good time. — Can't expect too many [illegible] at once.

[illegible] — but the time [illegible] that my time. — [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SATURDAY. April 7th. 1866.

[illegible] day we have made a great [illegible] — the sap — [illegible] all [illegible] been in the neighborhood [illegible] sap, so that our [illegible] that we have some notion of [illegible] the [illegible].

We have built us a [illegible] little shed near our fire, so that we can have a place to entertain our [illegible] friends we have any, yet we have enjoyed the [illegible] chipmunks — robins, woodchucks and [illegible] squirrels [illegible] the wood. — The price of collat [illegible] sugar abroad, established quite a reputation for sugar makers [illegible] at any rate we have supplied our [illegible] with all the molasses they could eat, that is considerable. [illegible] the first breath the first breath we of the [illegible], I always feel so much invigorated and refreshed in health. — The weather is beautiful our maples up to the storm, I mean that first pride is many times [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

Allegan, Lot 4 Sunday April 8th 1860.

My friend is quite well to day, and had she a little more strength would accompany us into the woods, as, from the powers of the sycamore would benefit her very much. —

Last night we spent the evening lately, down at, in the woods, which quite reminded me of old times in the army, when we were 60 and out, and the bright blue heavens for our canopy, the ground for our couch, the earth for our comfort. — I could not but compare the then with the now, I contrast the poor hoffing of the two forms of time — These observations really discomfited me, and I suffered a.t. [illegible] I now, — as soon most of our soldiers, — in the last hoff, and satisfied, — but, with the allowance of my heart fondest dream, the hope of a home at evening, beyond the Glorious, the realization of hoffing hopes can not be overrated by any feeling, and all that man can hold in order have crowd down upon my heart, darling wife, I so the hoffing is stimulated & let satisfaction and all the bright dreams dance on the floor of small stage, beneath my limbs, look upon and hoff, with this pressure on their bending. —

Darling Husband - remember me & the [illegible] engagement

MONDAY, April 9th, 1866.

Hurrah! to day Darley, frenzied, rushes to the woods — and fathers flames, looks on while we build the sap, and enjoys himself generally — It enhances the pleasure of the occasion so much to have her with me — I have seemed divided up to the time when we in the woods until to day. I was myself again, oh! how we enjoyed it — and how delicious it was, together to drink in the genial breezes of the mild April day, — to feast upon the beautiful scenes that presented themselves — look in which direction we might — to admire to the south of fay together, — pluck the beautiful anemones, & spring flowers, that grew almost beneath our feet, and around us in abundance, to listen to the warbling of the birds, and watch the antics of the darling gay little chipmunk as he frolicked to & fro, as if conscious of our admiring gaze, — to lose himself in the beautiful mile of love that welled up from our hearts & blended in melody and joy with each other to gaze into the eyes and feel the throbbing of the warm hearts as we placed themselves beside — all this was joy & happiness enough for one day, & causes us to feel as we come home, quite willing that our day's work should be postponed until to morrow.

TUESDAY, April 10th, 1866.

To day I have turned into a Builder — Gathering up the old brick that I could find around I have hammerized them into a nice little kettle arch, with a good draft, and almost air tight — It took so much wood to boil sap the old way, that I concluded it would be economy both in time and labor to obtain wood to fit the arch system — so we have what looks like a small steam sugar mill, going full blast, — a few armfuls of wood will soon do for all day, so that the labor is reduced considerably — We have tapped seven trees, so that we now have about twenty running, and it keeps us busy pretty much all the time boiling. This is genuine sport to Cora and myself, as it gives us a chance to breathe the pure fresh air of the woods, and invigorate, and strengthen us both so much. Darley is not very well yet, she remains weak and languid, and is very slow to recover her wonted strength. Still she is gaining and we intend to stay at home until she is fully able, and recovered —

Travelling yesterday "the Bank" again with us this morning. The weather is pleasant and we are with the children and as we take, in its woods, and feel all the freshness and playfulness of childhood. It is so different here from what we have been compelled to experience for the last six months, we are apt to forget, while take time, all our related feelings, inevitable comparation of this state of mind, so depletional overtowered - hoping to be glad, and hold it fast as replace. It is so pleasant, and we enjoy it. The influence, has so many manifold channels, since we have been here. The air, we hope, will be an comfort for awhile - and take into our system the invigorating effects of its moderation - and we intend to drink. We have not been well on new arch. It is not so complete a success as we wished - the draft is not perfect, so that you to break a coal, take down the brick round the cage and rebuild. Edy found the mistake in the shape of the fire brick mould, and had "hopes of it" - it flash and finally settle, but the fire had "built up, on bits" as the old man says, it works like a charm. Come sit, in our little fire chamber, like a queen in a throne room indeed it is, so beautiful around here, with the grand glorious hills and charming valleys, a painted palace that art could produce - and we the lords of it in the most complete style of bachelorhood with the little boy - and the small taper of the sap. Comes of to our entertain, and we drink it in, with health & pleasure

Albany, N.Y.

FRIDAY, April 13th, 1866.

SATURDAY, April 14th, 1866.

We are delighted to learn that the great Civil Rights Bill has passed both Houses of Congress over the head of the President and in defiance of his infamous veto. — Thank God, some of the Republican Senators, who had proved Recreants on the Freedmen's Bureau Bill have repented of their sin, & come out right again, probably the Instruction of their Constituents have had more to do with this, than anything else. Yates, Morgan of New York, & Stewart of Nevada are not the scoundrels men, whom principle comes out, sooner or later with profit. — Great joy and enthusiasm was manifested in both houses over the victory, and the colored man, again feels that he is safe in this boasted land of liberty and equality. — The Bill secures him all of his civil rights, which will ultimately compel him the right of suffrage, and to hold office. — It, incidentally, removes a great cause of rejoicing, and encourages the friends of Humanity to renewed efforts and greater labors. — Rec'd papers & letters from congressional friends in Washington, so that we are not cutting out of the world. — — Details the passage of the bill [illegible]

[illegible] great

But this isn't enough — "Civil rights" do not include the highest of all the privileges of Freemen — that of suffrage and eligibility to office — [illegible] limit [illegible] and the work [illegible]

[illegible] the bill [illegible]

This will [illegible] improvement, [illegible] — as [illegible]

[illegible] passed [illegible]

Allegany Co. — Sunday Apr. 17th 1870

Last night after we retired — the
[illegible] spiritual [illegible]
[illegible] and adjoining [illegible] as we
retired, our spiritual visitors were
[illegible] — [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] — it was again permitted
[illegible] when we were in the [illegible]
[illegible] covered with gold —
[illegible]
[illegible] — who seemed [illegible]
[illegible] reading to them from
[illegible]
[illegible] pages & images which
[illegible] — some had
been [illegible] — then [illegible]
the beauty of the [illegible]
[illegible] influence [illegible]
[illegible] forming a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] "spirit"
[illegible] — [illegible] and
[illegible] experiences — [illegible]
[illegible] typical of the [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] as [illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible] the rose" and [illegible]
human beings who walk
[illegible] up and down [illegible]
that in the highest [illegible]
[illegible]

beautiful atmosphere seemed to pervade
the [illegible] — [illegible] in the
[illegible] the dreamlike [illegible] of the [illegible]
ground & [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
to behold the beautiful [illegible] which
[illegible] before it was [illegible] in
the Supplemental [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] words which are
the book of gold — now [illegible]
the people [illegible] — & [illegible]
[illegible] the book and [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] lines unfold
[illegible] — "spirit" & "rose" —
[illegible] — [illegible] both the
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] —

MONDAY, April 16th. 1866.

The President received at the passage of the Civil Right Bill, and he signed it, with his flag floated to, issued a Proclamation declaring the war at an end in the southern states, in the Union with the exception of Texas. This is just what has been told us by the influence, and is a sure sign that the heated party left to govern the southern states.

Mr Juliana Senator Howard send us word greetings from Washington, and not only rebuked with capital

TUESDAY, April 17th. 1866.

Have been trying my hand at manuring the garden, mending fences, & other chores for to day. Pan succeeded splendidly having done my work, & will as the great thoroughbred farmer would, have also set out mother's berry bushes, which will make a nice crop the year after to come. — Oh, how cloud chasers look behind clear — this morning had made a sort of a crop, but they didn't let the sight of their mammas grandeur the fortune, and I amused.

That queer expression, farmers, have spoken in telling about a cow's having a calf, they say, that "she'll come in", and talk among the ladies, as gravely whether certain cow has performed the necessary ceremonies to enable them to "come in", as they would about other crops or pigs. —

Write Julia rebellious the evening day George. —

Weather feels splendidly to day, & I am so glad. It makes my heart sad to hear her suffering in any way, but our love is so glorious & splendid that mother's, under its elevating influence can be woman under

Allegany Co. N.Y.

WEDNESDAY. April 18th. 1866.

My Darling wife is getting much stronger and healthier and looking very and like herself again. Been to day engaged in farming filling up the lot allowing for making garden putting up stone fences and putting things to rights generally. Time to see more we would think that Had indeed future up the occasion of Farmer by precious wife is out sweeping the flower beds, trimming the hedges and drinking in the pure mountain air, the roses on her cheeks, and the light of her eye, shows the value of such medicine.

Little Cousin Eddy "got off" a good thing this morning. He was describing "the war whoop" of the Indians and he had heard at one of their performances upon evening since - "and" I sounded in charge it had lots of little meaning all through it. it laughs so in his eyes" - pretty good think for a ten year old. -

THURSDAY. April 19th. 1866

Sweet May day, soft but rather sugary for modern "the morning" so darling was myself went up and Eddy gathered the soft violets it down in the woods. The birds now singing gaily the flowers blossomed beautifully, the occasional storm dost hallow upon our heads softly, and all nature seems to modern and full of expression & delight. It is a delightful in the wind & among the trees, and the fog so deadly between, in the pouring rain, of my precious wife in affectionate the heart of the scene, and enjoyed my good morning kiss and with Eddy yet had built a little rude car when the fish caught strings came of which they did a number of times, we took refuge under its shelter, & happily enjoyed the pattering of the big drops, clean to our heads in the pure air. The clearing allowing free of pine knots, & in a few hours had the soft violets ready to be carried over later, by plucking the beautiful flowers that grew all around us, & forming them into bouquets among the mosses. It was fearful that the exertion would fatigue my precious one, but she seemed to gather strength from her Communion with the birds & flowers, and the color of her cheeks are not paler or more beautiful than the first hour of spring.

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FRIDAY, April 20th, 1866.

Went fishing yesterday afternoon, & caught a pretty string of trout. Pap, Uncle Thomas, found myself perched up in a log, in the midst of the stream, with a number of dark-cheeked, Irish boys, on each side, all busily intent upon watching their bobs upon the water, & waiting for a bite — I wished he had left, so that the other, poor, sick man might be with a good string. Some ludicrous things occur in the country occasionally — We went fishing to the side of the Reservoir, a large sheet of water half a mile in width & secluded far back into the country. Just at evening we heard a voice from the opposite side of the pond, crying out "Hot-Pot!" One of our Irish companions — responded — "What?" He drily remarked "Mother had a baby last night" — The words, sung over the water, and up the lake like a trumpet & we, probably heard by many others beside, amused us — it was so odd that the voice could be heard a long distance —

[illegible] Tomorrow is Sunday. I wish I could bring my husband home & have him with me! How he misses the excitement of the Capital. We only can find simple compensation — among the works of nature — besides we shall gain new strength to do our work — from holding communion with growing trees & flowers! — — —

SATURDAY, April 21st, 1866.

This is my darling mother's birthday, and happy am I in being able to spend it at our cottage home in the country. — Just twenty-five years of age. — Would to God we might have passed them all together, and have escaped the misery that has been to segregate our entire lives. — But we are supremely happy in our lives, and will make the future fully atone for the misfortune, and sufferings of the past. Nearly today, the day, we date a new era from the present year —

Just six years! I recall that no darker clouds had yet risen than during the days of my lifetime's morning! Yet, had there been no cloud, could I thus appreciate the golden glow which has crowned our lives? Can bright & beautiful days at last become — & now how perfect does my dear nestle in the ark of its home — (Heart of my Love) and remain ever thus happy. happy young — "Rest assured beneath our mothers' care" — When I have not spent an anniversary of my birthday for long

Allegany Co. N.Y. Sunday, April 22nd 1866.

Our little Emma came home for her mama yesterday bringing with her a cousin from Youngstown a little, rollicking, short, fat — and they are full of fun and mischief, as fast as possible. The girls have all gone to meeting to the Baptist church in the village to hear Elder Grady discourse on a clear, rational, Christian, practical manner the duties of parents and children in the direction of spiritualism, so that he said, discriminating, very well. Lucy and myself, prefer to listen to the good sermon, and we felt sure that the sermon plays "the Devil", and to listen to the sermon of the evening, that we had no doubt would be a delightful sermon. — But to what gain of wisdom, it has been doing, so that we have to pay up sugar molasses.

Flowers! How severely the birds sound in their choral anthems of

Wild flowers too — in great profusion — the first ones — "anemones" & "spring beauties" are nearly gone — & now the tiny yellow violets the "round leaf" — & occasionally a "yellow adder's tongue" — greet the eye! Our little one is as simple like that of nature — no shine like hers — its sermons equal to her silent yet potent sermons — no words like those of her choirs. — "Intuition is always true to itself" — "Adie & Edie" greet over the hill more than a mile to the ground known as the "Indian reservation"

Some ladies with devotees (and) prepared some nice bouquets. The girls return to school tomorrow. Mr. Higgs becomes so much our sweet voice and musical laugh — Higgs sees on the

Alleyne Co. Md.

MONDAY, April 23d, 1866. | TUESDAY April 24th, 1866.

Rain, rain, rain, snow, sleet, snow — a little, minutes intervene, storm, commence — and cease, of cold. This is a horrid climate, and I will not do for my darling to remain in it, only during the summer. The girls, started back for their school this morning, so we are again alone, and I am just as happy as delight can, we need no other company than our selves, after getting rid of my lumbago. The storm confines us all in the house to day, so that we do not get our usual exercise and amusement in the woods. Yet, I have rarely, almost never, felt my precious wife — she is mine, and I have reading and office, if my crop, book and life, the great waters come and darling, my little home, a perfect little Eden, and best Adam and Eve's, all to yours.

I have gone into a new phase of Farmer's life. I have a few beautiful white hens and a stunning, beautiful white plumed cock, and Cousin Eddy has a few of the same breed, so I have bought a fertile setting of his flock and I am trying my luck, that I shall have a few of the smaller poults. I will build a hen coop, and then we will set some hens, get all the eggs that are laid, and raise a few chickens. I have a splendid flock, and the best all natural in the way of laying eggs. It is surprising, how attractive one becomes, by doing things. I really find myself going, proud of our hundred hens, to Indian Cove, to feed, old white hen, which I did not, the other day, as I expected, I had an hour of real pleasure, and not much bad and disagreeable. When she came to eat, and hundreds, I adopted, for that, my chickens breed. That is really sometimes a great waste of time. The plumage, was all of the finest white, so, they are really, most beautiful birds, that I ever saw. I will refrain, to relate, "handsome" from her first hatching the year, and I offer hundreds of pounds of poultry, to a, friend, not a, relative.

Allegan Co. Mich.

WEDNESDAY, April 25th, 1866. | THURSDAY, April 26th, 1866.

The storm has cleared away, and the weather is again clear and pleasant. Sugar making is over, so I am to day making a hen "Coop", and have succeeded in building quite a Coop, but the chickens will fly over the top, as we have been compelled to catch them, and clip their wings, and now it works splendidly. I helped mother in putting out Potatoes & Peas. Received letter to day from Julia & Nelle at Washington and yesterday heard from Mrs Hebbins who is expecting for awhile at the Capitol. She writes me that she is now engaged in ministering to the wants of the Freedmen in the Dist of Columbia. There are 3000 women in that small district & the most of them absolutely in want of food. The Freedmen's Bureau under the miserable management of the bigoted & brutal Genl Howard is a great failure and entirely fails to meet the demands made upon it, and the designs contemplated in its organization. She writes that Howard has issued an order, to the Colored people, ordering them to clothe, shoe, bed clothes, & pillow cases, for men, women & children, that not one out of a thousand scarcely have even food enough to eat, & nothing about bed clothes — This Howard is a praying, canting bigoted orthodox religionist and that, rather, is right, unless it is done openly under the sanction of the church. He will soon be displaced by some good man, but this is little probable, that under the present Administration, he made a fierce crusade against a friend of ours Mrs Griffin, who has done more for the Freedman than all the Bureau & Generals put together — endeavoring to have her removed from her position on account of her liberal principles for she is a Spiritualist, but she carried too many guns for him, & he has been obliged to retract all that he has said, and take back all that he or his religious cronies have said against a woman.

Yesterday has been quite cool again, and this time has suffered severely. We have hopes she will be restored to perfect health and strength again — it seems as though she has all vanquished the disease some other internal. Her cheeks are losing their rosy and have the feeling that is natural. We may see the last of this sick. Received letter to day from Geo. and Eliza. They intend leaving Washington and going with Eliza with her father in Boston. Did not wonder that he lives of his experience at the Capital. Any sensible man would. Our papers inform us, that the Colored people of Washington had a great celebration of the anniversary of the abolition of slavery. Some 2000 strong, made up the procession. Speeches, good, good, triumphant, hideous, rather celebrated, called upon the President, who made one of his usual political addresses, speaking in which he claimed that he had done more for their race than any one else, & that they would soon find out who was their best friend. All in all, a very apropos celebration, but not entirely characteristic of my politics. It will seem, has taken place in this political period of the, tendency, the calm before the storm. When Seward is so quiet he is up to some mischief. Today, can doubt, Members of Congress are going home each one to a district, and understand that they will continue the movement commenced, the result of which the broaden recognition of the Southern States which they fear will attempt to obtain admission. It is reported that the Reconstruction Committee have most of them accepted Pickard's plan, & rather Stevens amendment will be adopted in a few days. The plan provides, first that the Civil Rights of the Freedmen shall be the same as those of white men. 2d That Suffrage shall be conferred by all men on colored men by 1876. 3d That Representation of the States shall be based upon the number of male citizens, & not upon the number of inhabitants. & accompanying these propositions, which are to be adopted as a part of the Constitution, is a Resolution of Congress that none of the three Reconstructing states shall be admitted until the state governments have adopted the Constitutional amendment.

Allegany Co. N.Y. Sunday April 27th 1856

My beloved wife was attacked again last night by a very violent spasm of asthma — he a very severe morning her throat filled up and it formed so difficult to obtain her breath — I was in her room, and the mother, and I was the first an extraordinary spectacle manifestation occurred. She could scarcely breathe, when the suddenly remarked the big Indian has come — immediately motion was informed, and commenced falling back and making faces. Almost instantly the difficulty of breathing was overcome, and relief came. It seemed as if necessary to show to them remarkable manifestation. I was very thankful that my good Indian guide "Buffalo" could operate so successfully, and hope that he will now continue his good work, until health is perfectly done. He has been quite weak, all day but he continued breathing, upon his, darling. This is the most rapid and sudden cure by magnetism I ever witnessed. It was a wonderful evidence to me of the beauty and truth of our beautiful philosophy. —

After a labored conference of two days, the Reconstruction Committee in Congress has reported, and Conscience as they now form the foundation of endeavor in the South that Universal suffrage is the only Heaven ordained way of Heaven — yet they failed to come to the search to meet the true issue, and have again disgraced themselves the country by a compromise with Conspirators to the Government, & heralds of Heaven — for no Amendment to the Constitution made the natural principles of a State, the base of representation. They stand by Conspirators, the Southern States through the base of a Sectional representation & permit the Colored man suffrage — when all yet evidence shows conclusively that the Southern people political & moral unprincipled to an equal with the negro. The delay the other of all who have in any manner assisted in the Rebellion until they are pardon compromise to the Conspirators — and yet the Universal suffrage made the Ruling of our Country,

Allegany Co N.Y.

MONDAY, April 30th, 1866.

Went up into the woods and gathered flowers for my dolly; and discovered one sugar maple on the sugar season is over. Brought home a jar, bottle, etc. Feeling a little better this morning though by no means well. Still the end of our expectations, that of our spirit-guides. She will soon be well again. She had a strange dream last night. That she was in a place where the spirits were present and felt a healing power get upon her throat and should effect a cure. — So I hang on hard enough and we will hope for the best.

As we all sat around the table this evening, Dolly was suddenly influenced by a good spirit guide "Buffalo", who came here to breathe long breaths through her nostrils and breathe her throat without coughing, which she has not done before to day. He said "I be influence her, dream last night, what I would tell you. Hold her head with pole face into the breath from this moist atmosphere, shake as does the Indian inhale the air through the nostrils, then the lungs have coughs or consumption — That we would have gone on the trip. He did take a great deal of pains, so that when she came out of the trance, she felt much stronger, breathed easy & without coughing. After Buffalo left he breathe influence that came to us, influence & spirits came and gone, as usual home, I believe shall probably have Paper dolls through Hannie.

Well Cora has tried the aberistae, and with great success. She coughed scarcely anything the night, and this morning, her throat entirely well, so that of the afflictions she felt straight was healing from the fragrant balsam. —

Mrs. Martin's day, that we should start for home, on Friday — she will feel better to do so, not return coming all. Select Paper, burned the moss off the apple trees and breathe from this morning so I am indeed getting to be quite a farmer. I am thinking I'll be on farming again, and I expect Calder and Francis to be my assistants. Unpleasant weather, but I think we shall be home for home the pleasanter indeed. The weather of a year since the first of Mar, nevertheless such is the case, & the great snowflakes are falling as thick as bees in Vallambrosa — but we are cozy indeed, we can laugh at the storm, & wait for

WEDNESDAY, May 2d. 1866.

a cloud destroyed the
[illegible] lest fall
our house is lost

ides we had been enjoying
[illegible] nights of sei
[illegible] & quite relieved
Nicole that [illegible] – Celestia
[illegible] & Jane & Noun –
[illegible]
A halo of heavenly brightness
surrounded the [illegible] our house &
[illegible] our [illegible]

THURSDAY, May 3d, 1866.

[illegible]
[illegible] our friends
[illegible]
[illegible] Letter & [illegible]
May Nicole.

[illegible] mother. Cleaned the Cham-
bers — & Marian was busy in the
garden — — It has been cold —
[illegible] "rain" came to
them as with the morning. —

It this time I can enjoy the
[illegible]
[illegible]
Vomited severely. He worked too
[illegible]
yesterday. [illegible]
was severe — & will be all right
on Monday — for I have to be very
[illegible]

I find that [illegible]
things agree with me, and
[illegible]
[illegible]
bad for manual labor — I
fear I should make but little
[illegible]
was not intended for the
[illegible] I
[illegible] that [illegible] all
[illegible] proved [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible] seems
[illegible]

Darling is better today — but must
be more careful — until the tone
of his stomach is restored.

Emma & Dorothea were busy —
all day preparing things for his
[illegible] with him.
Eddie — have taken rooms & are
"housekeeping" in a small [illegible]
[illegible] they [illegible]
[illegible] company. [illegible]

I concluded today that I would
[illegible]
[illegible]
not well & is in the house. I
[illegible]
finished — he is delighted & [illegible]
[illegible]

Birth day anniversary [illegible] are
[illegible]
[illegible] years old — I can scarcely realize
that she is older than Dorothea —
She is astute & has brown hair
[illegible]
[illegible] from serious & [illegible]

[illegible] this morning
that my [illegible] was made,
[illegible] for [illegible] day [illegible] that [illegible]
March after her. I did [illegible] the

mother & Pat" attended "meeting" as usual, & wor-
ship from usual custom - because I remained at home
the time (" was not strong enough for the woods or I enjoyed
[illegible] crept myself up finely - all of which I have
at first completed when they came home from church,
accompanied by two guests & a cousin - or brothers' - one
being "near relative, the other from Catharinenyes with her
daughter. They remained to dinner. After which [illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible] friends" [illegible] drove with them
to the station & then she was to take the train for school.
The drive wearied me more today than before & caused
me to suffer considerable pain - but fresh air will give
strength! Cousin remained with us.

Rolled out "Uncle Seniors Bucephalus" this Fall
taken Monroe & the Cars - and he enjoyed the ride highly
himself and myself. It must have a fine effect
It will be so pleasant, and will add so much to our
comfort. It has all the faculties and can stop one
or all at will. I was not so long before settled a third
position, top or three - and do not intend to change.
We drove through Geneva - a very little town on the
Sunday ride - and quite a pretty little place it is - although
I speak for town, when we do, it seems is much prem-
ises and better and the location pleasant. Nelson is
charming little cottage - neat, very dear, and comfortable
and Mother, as much delight in decorating & fixing it up
as Princess Nita & such exquisite taste that she transforms
a dungeon into a fairy land and makes a paradise of
an ordinary farmers place. Together we have succeeded in
economizing and fixing up our home so that it presents quite a
different appearance from what it did when we came.

at night I suffered acute pain & was obliged to retire before dark. Brothers & Mother soon found some remedies to comfort me. & this morning the scale - I felt much better. Aunt & Cousin intended to visit at Aunt Jerusha's & decided us to go - after drying [illegible] better that we cannot go - & during the house call & carried me safely to the door. Ike & Eddie "Farking" but the wind was too cold for sweeps, they were mother's eyes of the house & came in to dinner.

Aunt & Cousin remained some, we had a good visit & did be glad to get home. One nipper is married & looks so nice!

Have been out spending the day at Aunt Jerusha's - meeting with an Aunt & Cousin. — This Aunt is a widow having lost her husband last month. — Here, a [illegible] & by the way [illegible] Cousin, he would visit her, prior to, either morning, the folks at home, (the Aunt having spent the night with us,) heard the most beautiful [illegible] of singing [illegible] manufactures & [illegible] all the [illegible]

today we have had company, this morning Ved Mrs Conant came to spend a few hours & Aunt wished he visit with her so she came over. — Towards evening we were again quiet - Aunt & Cousin went up over the Hill - Darling has been busy - making a "Toilette" for a little [illegible] already is nearly completed, & will adorn our [illegible]

We have an addition to our household gods - in the advent of Eleven "wee chickens" - so active so downy - so pretty. It will be such delight to feed them! All white but one - Dark is quite a vagabond with Ovum & indeed is afflicted with a disease which I will name the "Pneumonia"

Ike & "Eddie" were seen with our companions notes on the respective merits of [illegible] has now Dame pure white hens & intends raising nothing else

[illegible] is beautiful

WEDNESDAY. May 9th. 1866.

other & darling "marked"
with the splendid machine
[illegible]
is all made - It is in deep crimson
ground with white - & drapery
box plaited round the edge the
sending to the floor, - new bright
new carpet, & new window shade
will make a little fairy land
of the room! We continue to
receive congratulations, papers & letters
containing authentic items, but not
of particular excitement - I con
time to grow stronger each day
the weather is very fine, the
are beginning to blossom, -
the garden looks finely - flowering
& are in full bloom beneath
our eyes. I sip the Newport Stone
golden chalice "Deceptus"
& Iris. Japonicus are in full
It is so beautiful to watch
a shrub & see unfold its
wealth of treasure, but I wonder
warm spring days continue too
far! for the roses will get
too "bright eyed"!

THURSDAY. May 10th. 1866.

[illegible]
[illegible] around the house - [illegible]
[illegible] he is greater [illegible]
[illegible] occupied with the beautiful
slippers - - This evening I
covered our sofa with white p
having a border which I ornamented
with the scissors - & this is about one
half a finger in depth. -
[illegible] with beads & present an
a unique appearance, [illegible]
Quite books & ornaments are still
find them very useful -
Mrs Ten Eyck called to
see uncle Simon, who is very ill
with diabetes [illegible] - the beautiful
[illegible] centre table. [illegible]
quite domestic, [illegible]
[illegible] & beautifully [illegible]
[illegible] This is also his birthday
[illegible] wished that [illegible]
had [illegible] been passed as [illegible]
Still the discipline of life
has been necessary & I only pray
that mine may be the sanctified
[illegible] 20
& so other lives [illegible] to it's [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] this my birthday [illegible] the [illegible] full of [illegible]
[illegible] one is more [illegible] time than all the [illegible]

FRIDAY. May 11th. 1866.

[illegible] did not return until this
[illegible] & the good Uncle buy all
[illegible] on attack - which would
have been Cholera - in the city
[illegible] - & the most complaints
[illegible] - by over-indulgence in
[illegible] simple remedies. Left
[illegible] with the powerful in-
fluence which [illegible] felt from
the [illegible] spirit. - Today we
[illegible] & Uncle Chamberlain
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] cow bells & cowbells — & we have de-
[illegible] & pronounce a language & divine friendship
[illegible] & Addison's Cato. Spirit was a hallowed & tran-
[illegible] — for before ten O'clock stands aloof & a sweet &
[illegible] continued Music has lasted all day.
[illegible] old. Seem little we have been cordially — & the
mipping & spending a joyous quiet day at home — free from
all intrusion. Not Dark[illegible] fear is growing weary of
this social life — I want [illegible] recover my full strength
that we may start on our journey — for summer will soon
be here & it will be too warm to travel. What wonderful
changes have broken in the direct & mind. — since we met
[illegible] restless, impatient — discontented — want to be alone in
our Creator's presence is our chief delight — to be quiet & ma-
jy — & minister to our all is peace!

(A storm in these rugged old mountains, is like a
gale at sea. Lonely seem and high above the rocks, our
tempest-tost gondola — [illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] (should you have an and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] most safest for the day, to indulge in any such thoughts
and [illegible] that should not be for injurious [illegible] [illegible]
here. only in the warmest summer months & then but warmly
[illegible] & [illegible]. — And you can be lonely too, suffer
[illegible] for our cry and [illegible] so that [illegible] almost
[illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] — Any thing the [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible] of our life. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for the pure union of heart and hand — will [illegible] in [illegible] com-
fort [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY, May 14th, 1866.

We awoke with the rising of the sun & the first song of the birds — Darling small & more soon up — & Dear Mother had breakfast nearly ready.

[illegible] with the rising sun — precious planting mother — [illegible] & have [illegible] — & with little times getting some clothes &c, &c, a little exercise does us good — & the sunshine [illegible] me with new life! —

How kind & good Darling is — to beautify — & cultivate this little home — he is so [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] have found [illegible]

[illegible]

his mental field [illegible]

Glad I put in the potatoes yesterday. Talk about farming, why I know no more of it than a child in the first rudiments, and although I have always put the seed straight, I find that a few days ago I saw [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] —

TUESDAY, May 15th, 1866.

Today — Fresh cool & cloudy day — Brians & mother [illegible] the garden & planting the potatoes. The old Mother has [illegible] [illegible] with the Blue bottles [illegible] & garden, but the birds eat the seeds we have sown. So we chased her with a little plane mirror [illegible] Darlin — I had a great race after the little chickens, they jar out rather, & make me tired, & Darling said I was a naughty girl! My precious wife has indeed a [illegible] chickens at the day, & I fear that she will suffer from [illegible] — the little fluffy things are [illegible] with water, we all out of [illegible] bottle, but they must [illegible] the only [illegible] in which I must say, chickens [illegible] the [illegible] but at least [illegible] the little [illegible] the old hen, [illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible] a [illegible] the [illegible] — the little rascals, [illegible] that I have kept [illegible] my [illegible] — little [illegible] [illegible] —

WEDNESDAY, May 16th. 1866.

[illegible] good health [illegible] for I was quite ill – the [illegible] "Eden" [illegible] not [illegible] – [illegible] made a nice [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yesterday we left off our excursion, [illegible] of a double quick, trying to follow [illegible] and Lavater Howard [illegible] [illegible] — to do [illegible] of the potato flowers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Lecture — Allegany Co N.Y. Sunday May 20th 1866

Mrs [illegible] has been for an all the day in a perfect trance, [illegible] — [illegible] and [illegible] with the gift [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this evening she is like herself again — as happy and joyous as the angels of heaven only can be — We are reading "Mrs Lincoln's Secret Attachment," and although some of the statements state we cannot say we think. The author has kept [illegible] into stamps, his [illegible] are very striking. He makes Mrs Lincoln a very [illegible], he makes Mrs Lincoln [illegible] of the [illegible], and although he [illegible] that [illegible] personally been her [illegible] friend, [illegible] she [illegible] — but [illegible] in the light of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

MONDAY, May 21st, 1866.

TUESDAY, May 22d, 1866.

WEDNESDAY, May 30th, 1866.

THURSDAY, May 31st, 1866.

FRIDAY, June 1st, 1866.

SATURDAY, June 2d. 1866.

Left home this morning for our vacation trip — My darling is very much better, and begins to stand the journey well. Mother accompanied us to the Depot, and although the tears in all our eyes still we stood brave up, under the separation and not a good bye gun — all around, gave a tearful shake of the hand, stepped aboard the car, and we were soon whirling off towards the setting sun —

Arrived at Corry Pa — about three o'clock in the afternoon, where we were met at the Depot, by one of the Committee of Reception appointed to meet us, and conducted to very pleasant quarters, at a Mr Formans — Darling has survived the trip, and although considerably fatigued still feels better than we expected. — We will add daily the details of the place, journey morning and afternoon.

We are domiciled with a Mr James Forman whose family are very pleasant, and we enjoy our location very much. Quite comfortable, feel that Darling stands at least a great chance

Leon, Penn. Sunday, June 3rd 1866

Parker addressed the people in the Theatre this evening, Music Hall, where we had good sized audiences both in the morning and afternoon. The subjects were selected by the audience, and the discourses were, altogether, good. We felt considerable apprehension regarding her physical ability to stand the test of the fatigue incident to these lectures. But she has come out splendidly, never done better, and really seems stronger in the trial. She feels much better this evening than she has for a long time before. My husband's health is so perfect and so full that it helps her above all health, and I am, here, not the only grateful spectator, safely on all hands, that my cure, the little or rather good seed cast, is of mushroom growth springing up here in thousands, within the last few years, and the result yet. Yes, for such pure oil cast, and the oil system, the fundamental principle that the great through route over the Atlantic West Indies R.R. Cross, in comparison, is the transfer board of all the oil that comes, from that system. It seems to be the mode of the principle upon the steamships that are yet little seen on the ocean, the merchants and traders of the Country, are the first, which comes absorbed with the City, from the interior. The people are decided Christian, embrace, altogether, the culture of all classes, intelligent, on the fast growing principle. "Man make or break" here in a very short space of time.

Lancaster Pa Cleveland Ohio

MONDAY, June 4th, 1866.

We visited Uncle Ed Scott & wife about 6 the afternoon & have retired for the night & shall try and meet them at the Depot early proceed with them as far as Cleveland —

Went down to the Depot at 10 but found cars had just left — the train had passed some hour & we were unexpectedly disappointed — as we had promised to meet Uncle Ed and regretted our inability to fulfill the same — The mistake was made through our misapprehension of the departure of the train — Returned to our premises and rested until 2 PM at night when we went down & made another attempt & the train successfully

Dolly is a good deal better and stands the trip splendidly — I shall begin to think that she thinks my plan safer & wiser.

TUESDAY, June 5th, 1866.

Succeeded in getting a sleeping car last night, and we both rested nicely until we reached Cleveland this morning. The cars on the Atlantic & Great Western R.R. are Cleveland the most comfortable I have ever seen — of the broad gauge, elegant and the road very smooth — we retired almost scarcely conscious that we left our beds at home —

Left Cleveland with the morning train & took breakfast, & left Cleveland & Hudson R.R. reached Albany about noon, took carriage and went down to my brother, where we found Fred at dinner — he was sent for Clyde at once by W. and Fred thinking of paralyzing us during rest for the first time in our journey in a fast train spent a very pleasant afternoon & then took the Delaware & Hudson R.R. of the Hudson River bank — arrived at Rondout. Just in time to escape one of the most terrific storms that I have ever witnessed. — Frank Mother & Wally down to meet us. Received them all, and Wally home saw her very mother and baby — The event a delightful one on hand we return to Lancaster tomorrow, leaving in the addition to our great joy another of the mother and a child

Waterville Times, Oct. Sunday, June 11th 1866.

The following Poem was given by Darius at the Conclusion of her Lecture in Bangor, on last Sunday evening, & has been Reproduced by Request.—

"Angel Presence

Come when morning's golden beams
Light up the dewy trembling earth
And when the hills, & rocks & streams,
Echo with sounds of joy, mirth
When birds in every tree & bower,
Warble their songs of love & home.
O, in that glad & happy hour,
Upon the wings of morn, to come.

Come when noonlide's sultry heat,
Fills with its breath each vale & plain
When in some calm cool retreat,
All forms of life seek to remain:
When perfumed breezes have no sound
Except the hum, bees' busy hum;
When light & fragrance float around,
Upon their silent breath, to come.

Come when twilight's gentle hand,
Opens the purple sun set gate
And golden clouds - a radiant band -
To day's expiring glories, wait:
When earth & heaven blended seem,
And gentle peace fill each home:
When prayer hovers like a dream
Around your thoughts O then come.

Come, when night with sable train,
Unfurls her banner in the sky,
And starry orbs, in float again
Pen battlements & towers on high
When noiseless, and sedate, march along,
Responsive to the Creator, drum,
Come with Great Gratitude & song, —
O, in that solemn hour, to come.

Come, to soothe your brothers heart,
Your joys & sorrows all to share, —
To break an aye the tear which start,
And place a plume of gladness there.
Each day & hour, each time & place,
Wherein your footsteps, dare to roam,
Teach some holy thought to trace
And on the wings of love to come.

Come beside the couch of pain
With healing balm - with pagent flowers,
Come when earth's vanity remain,
To tell of virtue's slang towers.
The prison cell, the pestilent hall,
Allow to prove our blissful home.
Laden with happiness, all,
Immortal, to come, to come. —

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Eu route West.

WEDNESDAY, June 13th, 1866.	THURSDAY. June 14th, 1866.
Left our mothers home this morning. Crossed the beautiful Tuscarawas River, with Emerald Islands and silver coves, now gay, lovely in the early light of the summer morning — took the cars at a little station on the prairie — and soon in the busy streets of Toledo. — Drove down and hunted up my brothers team, finally in the Hotel — near the R.R.	

FRIDAY, June 15th, 1866.

SATURDAY, June 16th, 1866.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

St Louis No

WEDNESDAY. June 20th. 1866.

To Dr Carrington of St Louis

Medicine Man

Come down up the height of Sunbeam's steep
And search for wealth, power & fame.
Seek the Mountains of Land & Sea
Bound upon Earth to lasting peace.

Some general doubts, which are rolling upon
Thy spirit of some unseen Land,
Need you not this, with the light of faith,
While from man in the flame of truth.

But there is the spirit which seeketh to find
Some rest for the soul, some balm for the wind.
Thou searched the hills, the valleys, around
The plan of Eternity, thou hast found.

Thus showing the children of God to be
And show the happiness of heaven near place
For this is the mission to man each distress.
"The Soul & the Body's Medicine Man"
Shenandoah.—

THURSDAY. June 21st. 1866.

To Dr Carrington

Bard of Truth.

Diamonds flash thus shines brightly
In the splendor of the morn,
Radiant with silver whiteness
In the brow which the adorn.
Sometimes on the head of Power,
Gleams the rare & flashing gem,
And in beauty wrought heir.
Let then rest, a diadem.
And the sea yields its treasures,
And the shining sand its gold.
But the eye of Earth never measures
Beauties which the sky doth hold:
Deep within the sea of feeling,
Radiant with endless gems
All its power & love revealing
"The perfect Bard of Truth"
Shenandoah.

FRIDAY. June 22d. 1866.

Shenandoah Impromptu Elegy
Words for the tune Thou Art
Mrs Everest — of this city —

Eye of Soul

Mortal, see not Eyes of soul.
Often paint, hearts, by
Which Creation's the recompense
And the glories of the sky.

Having upon flower or tree,
Look as carelessly thoughtlessly, gaze
They see not the mystery
By which forms of life are drawn,

But within this mind never,
Tires to decipher the spell
To unfold the mystery
Which within the soul dost dwell.

And to trace the wonderous path,
Thy which Creation rose,
For the spirit power hath,
To perceive with Eye of soul.

Shenandoah —

SATURDAY. June 23d. 1866.

Poem from G. Shannon to Mrs
Everest on a lady of this City,
Impromptu.

Morning of Gladness

The beauty of morning greets the earth,
And fill with light each vale & hill
Diffusing radiance mirth,
And all they, rich, & dark & dull

The wild birds, vie with their songs
The slumbering spirits of the flowers
And Nature hath a thousand tongues,
To claim the morning's wondrous power.

Then there are sent where presence fill,
The Atmosphere with conscious joy,
And may spirit with pirade
With happiness — rich & holy

Venal and figures, the scene
Shedding a gladness pure & bright,
The spirit surfeited a figure one
The morning of Gladness which hath risen

Shenandoah —

The calm Heaven, & the
the scene preceding ones seen
given at a second held here
about the time of our arrival,
in which the beautiful Indian
maiden Shenandoah, chose
& gave her Impromptu Poem. —

St Louis Mo. Sunday June 24th 1866.

Poem given this evening, at the Conclusion of Dodge's lecture

See when they stand: the shining ones
With smiles of kindness & love.
With voices whispering of truth,
Wooing their Constance to prove.
Arrayed in robes of purest thought,
Like every ways from heaven caught.

See when they stand: your babes are there,
Breathing the name you loved so well,
And wreathing with sweet flowers rare,
The lisping words they used to tell,
Pressing their hands upon each brow,
Twining their arms around you now.

See when they stand: the mother dear,
Who passed from your fond sight away,
The father, brother, friend are near,
To chase each doubt & fear away,
To wipe each tear from sorrow's eye,
And change to pearls to wear on high.

See when they stand: the Saviour Sage
Whose memory is undefiled
Who traced on history's dark page
The truth, that claimed a strange, wild,
With sword & pen he still doth trace,
The laws which time cannot efface.

See when they stand: the Deities Good,
Who gave the country purest laws,
Who fell not from their high estate,
To court the vain world's applause,—
Who laid foundations upon truth,
And justice for the laws of Earth.—

See when they stand: far off the height
Yet upon tier their forms arise
With wondrous love & truth, sought
Till the gem blended with the skies.
'Tis but a veil of sense & time
Which now conceals this exalted sublime

See when they stand: together bound
By an Eternal chain of love
Link after link, it is unwound
Until it reaches God above,
And every world & every end
Is governed by Love's Great Control.

The above beautiful Poem was given through my daughter at the Conclusion of the Lecture, the evening, which was upon the subject of the relation of Spiritualism to Theology.— A large Audience filled the Hall, and listened with breathless attention to the, which was a complete & thorough exhibition of the beautiful truths of the Spiritual philosophy.—

St Louis, Mo —

MONDAY, June 25th. 1866.

He has staffing with us, & rather our Hostess, & Miss Bernard a young French woman, who very much cut up by Conjugal relations, she is a splendid singer, and a woman of considerable advancement in her religious ideas.

Shannon came and gave her a spirit name & the following, land pa "singing song"

"Bird of Paradise
There a bird with plumage rare,
Dwelling afar in distant climes,
When warbling, fills the balmy air
Like sweetest tones of organ chimes,
Its songs thrill every mortal heart,
It usually sings in orange grove,
There all the summer flowers bloom
It hearkens, where it loves,
But here comes the ocean dash,
Hints a stranger clime yonder,
Its song, when its heart must dash
And mourn beneath all its power,
Its plumage rare, its fine dark change
And its display its perfect eyes,
Under in home it still may range,
"Then is the Bird of Paradise"

Shannon dead —

(It is usually the case, the loss counter person than her husband & says, that she is determined to be unhappily married. That she will get a divorce, if she

TUESDAY, June 26th. 1866.

I spent interesting Circle was held at Mrs Henderson's this evening, and Darling was controlled for two hours. Discussing most glorious upon all points, that the audience profounded. It was unusual, second time as Wife and in our instance satisfactory, the justice of the treatment and the relation of spirit to matter was fully discussed upon. In the course of the control — the justice of the ill treatment of the African race upon the Continent & prophesied. It was told our spirit, that the race would not become a nationality by itself, but that would in time be absorbed by the white race. That it was the decree of God, all other races probable, upon the Continent, as one grand & better race of humanity, in consummation, the amalgamation & existence of past races on the Continent was decreed. The influence, claiming that the grand Chinese Empire was the debris of a great, more Christian race, which formerly existed upon the, earth — but that through corruption the bad died out in the world, & was in the minority in the, for, first —

St Louis MO

WEDNESDAY, June 27th, 1866.

Visited this afternoon, through the kindness of our good friend & townsman Col White & his good lady, Col White was one of the famous defenders of Lexington in the early history of the war, & then received a wound, which has confined him to his bed ever since, for five years has he never been able to walk, & nobly has he borne the cross assigned him - patiently bowed to chastisement, & taken up the burden of affliction - poor, Christian soul - had a very pleasant visit. Thanks Cousin for the little book, this evening, entitled -

"Far beyond the clouds, which in darkness rise
Or the star, splendors of the skies
And the golden sun bracketh paths of light
Of the darkest mountains rugged height,
For we know that the brightness is ever there
Tho' the sky & the earth dark hues may wear,
Beneath the roar of the ocean waves.
Bright pearls are found in the rocky caves,
When the waters are moved by the tempest rude
The pearls are seen the bright shore on.
And gems that beneath the rocks are concealed
By the Earth Quakes yawning mouth are revealed
Thus when the spirit finds, is found,
The Caves where in humbly it lies abound
Tho' the clouds of affliction, sometimes of despair
Hide and cover, that the sunlight, there
Shed beyond, my sorrow, while searching for truth
Behold the bright fountain of Perfect Truth
Then and only -

THURSDAY, June 28th, 1866.

Charlotte & I came, the name, and in all called "Hanson Garden"

FRIDAY, June 29th, 1866.

Darley is very much fatigued to day from his trip yesterday. And I fear that the fillings of the Canary, over the infernal rough roads of Texas, may have been too much for good. The cross is delicate that it would not take but little more to upset permanent injury, and I have to be very careful —

Poem given by Shannie to Mrs. Wheeler.

"Morning Glory"

When night burning lifts the veil — Sad
Kiss the flushing brow of day,
And with joy the earth awakens,
Chasing night's dark form away,
When the wild birds, trill sweetly,
And the joyous streamlet leaps,
All its murmurs & sweet laughter,
On the green & mossy shores —

— o —

First awakened by the morning,
In the tendrils of the vine
Clinging round the village cottage,
Where it ever loves to twine
Bright & joyous, full of beauty
Ask the sunshine light it came
Lets this flower is the spirit
"Morning Glory" is its name —

Shenandoah

The above poem was given last Wednesday evening at our circle —

SATURDAY, June 30th, 1866.

Poem given by Shannie to Mrs. Bland, the excellent wife of our good friend Col. Bland of last winter Washington Association.

"Golden Shower"

Music hath wondrous, witching spells,
Within its power, strange magic dwells,
Floating & hearing all around
The soul perceives the sweet sound —
The Zephyrs bear on unseen wings,
Odors & sounds of lovely things —
The fragrance of the orange grove,
The warblings of the wild birds love,
Far, far across the trackless seas,
Incense is wafted on each breeze,
And flashing of the morning light
Diffuse themselves till earth is bright.
But in the spirit is a charm
Sweeter than balmy breezes warm,
Revealing what hidden forms,
Have glimmers of the "Golden Shower."

We all visited Col. White again this afternoon, accompanied by Dr. Lemmon since & Mrs. Bland we had a delightful time, and left the Colonel, in much better spirits than when we entered his room — Shannie came to give Mrs. Bland her name, and the interval made all merry and light hearted, until we left Shannie in Conclave —

St. Louis Mo. Sunday July 1st 1866

Dear ma, I enrolled this morning to Shenandoah, and addressed the children of the Spiritual Union. The lecture was very beautiful and at the conclusion we received some more letters the Lily Pad, and Harry has promised to reproduce the lecture upon, as we intend publishing it in the Little Bright. — the children's paper published in Chicago.

In the evening, Brother Fly gave the subject "Correlation of mind & matter, the Reciprocal relations between the two — the influence, both the theme and gave certainly one of the best addresses that I have listened to, most clear defining the relation between the two, & their bearing upon each other, & satisfying the audience, which was large and intelligent. Concluding with a most refined poem.

This is the conclusion of our labors in the good city of St Louis and although not quite as much encouragement as we did, has been very delightful, and we have made many near & dear friends whom we shall not soon forget — the memories of our visit will be to us like a beautiful phantasmal & perpetual theme & pageant — Inclosed, I send you a little poem by Mr. & Mrs. Henderson. The beautiful home Harmon Lodge has indeed been a home of rest to us, and we have found perfect delight in it, beautiful harmony and delightful appreciation, — equal to the Celestial — our one relation to each other.

St Louis Ill

MONDAY, July 2d, 1866.

This evening Dolly was controlled by her usual circle of friends and the questions of the audience were answered for the space of two hours, the responses taken down in rude script and spelled through by an intelligent communication, in the Polyglot language and material world. Quite a pleasant party were assembled and all were very much pleased.

Mrs Carter to-day of the murder of Gen Frank Blair U.S. Senator from Kansas — she left the cat only last night & had been laboring for some time under a mental affection. — Erratic and uncertain still he has done glorious work in behalf of Freedom, & although at times considerable of the demagogue still notwithstanding his life has been on the side of truth & we can admire his virtues while the world of observation is quick to his faults. — He died last night with some members of his family, who returned to his house.

TUESDAY, July 3d, 1866.

Rice's letter from Alton last evening decided me to come up there and spend the rest of the week, but it is too late tonight to do anything in that direction. I had regard to speak in Alton in the northern part of this state thursday evening, & we could return the same day and be home next morning.

WEDNESDAY, July 4th, 1866.

Left our kind & excellent friends in St Louis this morning, and meant to celebrate our Independence day, in the cars — But we soon saw that the Western portion of Missouri, is the beautiful island Kansas — lets a boat on an inland sea — great prairie, billowy, green, varying, prairie in their rolling glorious. The prairie is indeed a Royal road like a green Jewelled Ocean for miles, miles, nearly approaching the eye but is a boundless expanse of almost monotonous level, sometimes cultivated and fenced — Ophelia Columbia, the Cincinnati, Indian Kansas, the fairest of the fairest, with the lands that will bear, and bear, bear, bear, untiring, yet bear. This is indeed the Eden of our country, the most beautiful refuge for the exiles, the wanderers, and poor, the oppressed & miserable Europeans — or, rather, recommended to, — Rather, land itself unfolds the side of such attractive, rare, & healthy, that just day before the Kansas for Humble manner in which Elizabeth Parkman and Mrs. Jane & Hannah and

THURSDAY, July 5th, 1866.

a person. Captain, the officer from, and Dr. Dr. an Old Blood stop of the passengers — a force by the side of the R.R. enclosed the remains, and they dropped the last clod on the sweet of the island prairie, such naught to distant their slumber except the murmuring of the wind, the prairie, the grass, of the late grass and herb, or murmuring, or the prairie remains. Nearly, I was right of the, that not, it seemed often walls down — Sunrise the same day, by the same hour, Kansas, Lou Cantrell and Dr. Bert, Cantrell, Orange, the Kansas, the Conductor on the train, the Conductor, came that has charge of the Cars on the all fatal day of the massacre, should not be known, charged a set of arms as readily as his, the added as they walked, the stated may handle detail, many stock be yet of the afternoon Conflicting, a train on the line, as you, he, people, Jackson, Long, other, before, Kansas, closer than faith, Blackwell, the brother, fraternal. He, he, is, his, handle, grasp, and made to dance, about, Wednesday, our, stand, about, a

FRIDAY, July 6th. 1866.

Closed at Macon City, Missouri, on the 30th ult. by a Committee of the Union Council, and the good citizens of Monroe County, followed a splendid lecture — he is a rounded and intelligent man of the first class — formally the Conference to the subject which was of more importance and a glorious discussion did the people them — at the close of the session was received and listened satisfactorily for two hours, particular concerning the Conference and although held an argument with the speaker upon the subject of science, was so complete, flowing, and so clear from remark, that it set down silenced Confusion and exceedingly chagrined — from the attempted to refute the speaker in Darlo, Cam off with flying colors. It might be good enough for him, and his politics are learning but little, state South, but for a Radical Internal political lecture — the tickets of a few with some of the Democrats, as they are but little better politically than the radical and Rebels, consider in the Income — but that don't smaller the [illegible]

SATURDAY, July 7th. 1866.

Last night Mr. Darling gave the people of this place a most magnificent address upon the political Condition of the Country. The audience was not as large as the night previous — as when the Conservatives or such Rebels found that they were to hear a Radical discussion they labored and worked against us — but the honest Republicans in confusion and they still remained notwithstanding the efforts of secession — we had a fine house — and the lecture was a splendid argument upon the Condition of the Country — we refer you to the Hand Bill for Mr. Darling's life. The Rebels congratulate themselves that the place that they were not present to hear — for one of the bands that we could to call such rascals, and that we could not expect an opportunity to hear the solemn and decisive truths of the political issues of the day — but my time will come and not yet but the Rebels of this county have left no place for the Rebel and Secession Democracy to show their face at Lic — Tuesday [illegible] held —

[illegible] in present.

Quincy, Illinois Sunday July 8th 1866

Arrived here last evening stopping at the Quincy House, a very good Hotel — Darlin, speaks for the Lecture here to day, morning & evening —

Found a very respectable and intelligent looking audience at the Hall — and the excellent Lecture, I think, was from a new subject chosen by the Committee selected from the Assemblage — We drove out to Quincy ground as we are all alone by ourselves at the Hotel and expecting a Mr Thos J Brown to join the evening of the 10th —

The city is very beautifully situated upon a bold bluff on the Mississippi River, and surrounded by a rolling prairie, which is cultivated in the best manner, and is indeed an Eden to the inhabitants. Behind the Hotel is a beautiful Park, upon our left the Grave, & birth of old Father of Waters, and on our right the lovely, comfortable Home-like Quincy Hotel — under our the sun, do not lack scope, beauty or variety. +

On the Mississippi River

MONDAY, July 9th, 1866.	TUESDAY, July 10th, 1866.
Chimes, III	Steamboat Ride
Had the delightful pleasure of driving - through the kindness of Mr Brown - through the Crumbling Quay - and a most beautiful rolling prairie &c - and a most enjoyable ride did we have - it did my heart one so much good. Returning to the Hotel in time to get the steamboat bound down the River - Embarked aboard "the Andy Johnson" - an unknown name, but an excellent boat. —	Dolly & the boy last evening, to a miscellaneous, crowd, and without incident shall remember the pleasure for a long time. —

Enroute north — through Illinois

WEDNESDAY, July 11th, 1866.

Left this miserable town, such as still more miserable people this morning, glad to shake the dust off from our feet, as not only having met very shabby treatment, but having through their trifling and procrastination, lost the opportunity of taking a River trip to Hannibal, were we are compelled in order to meet our engagements, to go by R.R. Consequently, we only got the short but very pleasant ride from Hannibal to Quincy on the River — Bed our friend Mr Ashtack good by — and took the same steamer that we came down upon — the Alphusen — and we did indeed enjoy the pleasant breeze and delightful scenery of the Mississippi —

THURSDAY, July 12th, 1866

Davenport Iowa

FRIDAY, July 13th, 1866.

Rock Island Ill

SATURDAY, July 14th, 1866.

L. Arling addressed a large audience last evening in Rock Island, and by satisfactorily thing having the privilege of selecting their own subject.

This morning – after spending almost a sleepless night in a hot close bed room assigned us by our host – which the very large "Rock Island Hotel" – a Mr Woodman – we took the train for Chicago over the Rock Island & Chicago RR. – and a beautiful ride, have we had, although darling is somewhat fatigued still we enjoy there almost boundless prairies and magnificent farms exceedingly – Thankful am we that the road is not dusty, and that we have so kind a Conductor, as whether he noticed something in our appearance beyond our surroundings or not – he politely gave us access to the rear car which had been reserved for ladies, but to which we on had a get gained access – and we had it all to ourselves for a very considerable distance – and the room was decidedly agreeable – although we did not let it seem selfish – still I suppose we enjoyed some of the consolation that Grandeur we suppose to / experience by reason of state –

Chicago Ill. Sunday July 15th 1866.

Arrived in the good city of Chicago yesterday afternoon, and drove immediately to the house of our good friend Mr Thomas Richmond - who is one of God's noblest noblemen —

We had expected from numerous letters rec'd the past three months from Warren Martin & others, that Kelly was engaged to speak for the Spiritual society of this place during the present month, as whose letters signed by all the officers of such society - inviting and insisting upon our coming — but we were surprised now to learn that Mr Fairing has been engaged for the month, and Kelly's services not wanted - thought the, he mean and contemptible & false Chicago clique of the managers of our spiritual societies still it does not affect us, as we were compelled to come here to arrange for the publication of Kelly's lectures, a volume of which we intend bringing out this summer. —

Came directly last night to this hotel, where Mr Thomas Richmond is boarding, and we have good and pleasant quarters assigned us - The family are very interesting - comprising, as it does, some strange specimens of the genus homo. Mr R — Thomas — of the magnetic persuasion is one of the boarders, and is most certainly the best representative of Epicurus that I have yet seen — the rest of the folks are like other people but he accordingly is morally a second Sauer — however, it is sufficient for him that the rest of the world do not look upon it in the same light! —

Kelly is as glad as am I that she has not to lecture to-day, as the weather is exceedingly hot, and I doubt whether in her delicate condition she would be able to stand it — Thank God, our labors in this field are nearly over for the summer & we can soon go to our mountain home —

Chicago Ill —

MONDAY, July 16th. 1866.

Wrote yesterday to Partridge & Alderman. Appointed Demarion and Dickert relative to Indian encamp East —

Darley has been with me to day, purchasing a supply for a little darling who is soon to hope to bless our lives with its presence — Peg it is, the gender is as yet undetermined the friends hold of pretty things, and has made a beautiful selection, and blesses her precious embroidery. She takes such delight in preparing for the coming mark of the joy of our union, & the embodiment of our love — Girls and Chatten fond hopes may be fully realized, that the beautiful thing that is to crown our lives and love with all that it now needs to make them perfect, may be a son dream — and that not an accident may befall either of my darlings — It is fast approaching the time when we must leave home, and we cannot much longer linger upon the road, as she must have rest, quiet and that constant attention and good nursing that will perfection in all of her fondness attentively —

TUESDAY. July 17th. 1866.

We feel somewhat surprised that we have not seen or heard from some of the members of the Committee who were the chief instrumentals upon coming to this place — They entering at once a considerable spirit of Exclusiveness and embarrassment, in not informing us of the change, at least of the sudden change in their programme, and the backing out of all their promises and agreements.

Dolly and myself have been talking over matters, and we have concluded to have a lecture here at any rate — and have determined upon Friday night — so that the people of Spiritualists can after recognizing the plan, that is, a small of perfect indifference here — the people shall have occasion afterwards of hearing my darling. As I know she has many friends here, & they do not want to be bound by the restricted action of a hidebound Committee —

We called upon Mrs Jones, the Editor of the R.P. personal this morning, and enjoyed a very pleasant interview. Discussed the publication of Darley's lectures; he is very anxious to bring out the work —

Chicago Ill

WEDNESDAY, July 18th, 1866.

We had a very pleasant circle
from last evening — Darling found
Mr. Hoffman — Mr. Richmond
& Mrs. Hull — & others were
present. Mrs. Lincoln controlled
Mrs. Hull, and gave us one of
her characteristic communications.
I do not think that Jesus can a
better impression — He requested
us to pray and call upon her wife —
stating that although internally
she did not suffer as Christians
still that she was deeply interested,
& would welcome us warmly —
Shannon then came through my son
and entertained us in her delightful
manner, for a long time — Dr. Franklin
also explained in answer to a question,
the difference between Electricity & Mag-
netism — stating that the former was the
term for the element in its crude state,
but that as it advances through the mineral
vegetable, animal & finally attached
as the human, it became designated
mineral, vegetable animal & human
magnetism —

Regard Music Hall this morning for
darling Friday night, & advertised the same
in all the city papers — Called upon Gen
Wadsworth, one of the Eds of the R.P. Journal
had a pleasant interview — talked on
the matter of publication of Lecture and Mr. Jones

THURSDAY, July 19th, 1866.

& find that we shall have to supply the
means for the publication as he
says that the Establishment has not
sufficient capital to warrant the
attempt — He believes that some of our
spiritual friends would willingly assume
the work & furnish the means. He
says there is no doubt at all, but that
the work would sell & be a great success.
It will take $800, to bring out the first
2000 volumes, then the profits will
be paid for, & the balance of the issue will
be his profit — In accordance with
this idea, we have to day written our
friends Mr. Flagg & Behr of St Louis,
who are men of means — and made
them the proposition — Shannon came
yesterday & told me that it would be a
great success — Darling and myself were
somewhat disappointed, as we had
wished ourselves up with the belief
that the funeral oration would take
the work & long start, instead of further
effort on our part. Still it is undoubtedly
better for us, pecuniarily, that it should
be managed by others — the only dif-
ficulty will be in finding a person or persons
who have the capital to invest —
We visited our friend Mr. Hoffman listening
and darling responded unusually well
from the chaos of matter, so that he is almost
cured this morning — but I think any
careful nursing & low will bring out all right, so

Chicago Ill.

FRIDAY, July 20th. 1866.

Night before last we met at Mrs. Diffenbach's Mrs Lane and a friend of hers, and a very successful Homœopathic Physician, She has cured her of a very severe case of Cancer, and all sorts of affection of nature, until she stands now, in a position of the most practical value of numerous persons, and yesterday placed in her proper position, the recognition by the other one of the rights which an invaluable and gifted woman. The success of Madam Lane is however not attributable to the medicine that she administers, but to the splendid magnetism with which she is endowed. She, she will not get admitted, but it is patent to all who understand the philosophy of the wonderful gift. —

Secretary Seward of the U.S. Department of State officially informs the Mexican Minister, Juarez, that he has requested the French Government to withdraw the French troops from Mexico — Congress talks of adjournment, but the people begin to see, as was predicted by Parker through Kelly, last month in Washington, that it cannot be unsafe for them to do so, lest Napoleon and his Empress should come over the water together & organize the Southern States as a part of the same — but I think it will be done & that such a Programme will be carried out, & then Congress, the Resolution that in all work

SATURDAY. July 21st. 1866.

Hall the Lecture last night was a splendid effort on the part of the lady, but in the part of the audience a divided feeling — the citizens of Chicago are either regretfully disappointed by Spiritualism, or else they have an insufficient notion. I feel enough yet from my address that I shall settle, sometime, on the morrow of this, to realize, let my relations from the profession are represent adding an fair than I, I come and listen to it. The way seems to me, divinely adverse pecuniary conditions of my, I must all not indeed, enjoy more such expensive luxuries. The three Chief influences, i.e. the moral, material & spiritual influence of this day, other effect upon this nation in the present position and is splendidly handled. Indeed, the political Religious and moral conditions of our people & Country are perhaps, more than transcendental at the present moment. Horace Greeley, last night, the Orchestra a beautiful Poem was given upon the same theme. The choir of the Church, so kindly volunteered their services, and in my Poem Congregational music, a daughter of Rev. Talmadge, by the chief performer. — Wed. Lecture, the day from Cincinnati & Dayton, crowded, last night Spectacle & Cincinnati, also Lecture from Steger & Colorado, & Detroit. We shall go to Steger on Saturday, Colorado, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Detroit next Sunday. —

* Rev. Dr. Ichiki not in his chapel — only handsome indeed but a man Homœopathic Physician. —

Chicago Illinois Sunday July 22nd 1866.

Sharmi has given the following poem,
To Mrs Hoffman.—

The breath of the rose is sweet as sound
And fills the heart with delight—
The lily so calm & pale doth spread
With a power of purity's might.
And the flowers that bloom in the garden fair
On the terrace and Parterre.
Fill the air with delight, with fragrance that
Too poyson to make them dear,—
But the silence of Forest, & valleys tells
Of a flower of mystical name,
Of the rare and fabled Asphodels.
That bloom with the Poet's fame,
Of the musk-rose scenting the tropical breeze
And the wild & wondrous vine.
Whose delicate drops like the pot flowers pace
And around the dark forest trees twine,—
But deeper & deeper in some lone nook
Allowing the soul by the sense
The odor of purest & sweetest sweep
Such delightful & rare recompense.
Like a soul that pounds all its riches, alone
On the altar of one secret shrine.
For of Truth & of Constancy this is the tone,
And "Forgiveness" sweet is, thence.—

In different proportions, the last verse,
To Mrs Hoffman

Some hearts there be whom sorrows fever
Tormentors controls—
Who thro each dark & joyless hour.
Still fasten round their souls.
The cross & griefs which one by one,
Have darkened life's right day.
Until of Joy's refulgent sun
They see no gleaming ray
And then on feet which press the thorns.
Delighting in the pain
Who on the dull & clouded morns
The darkness & the rain—
Who fold their woes within their heart—
And tread Time's darkened shore
Their sorrows cannot thence depart—
But linger evermore,—
But then on souls as light as air.
As joyous as the Spring
Who back but in the sunshine rare.
And all their sorrow fling,
With trembling hand — ere as the chain
Doth joyous jewels sing.
The shadows how like a dream
They do not tarry long.
Then in the "spirit shine" a light
Which our guides thy way.
Thou seest only what is bright—
The Shadows may not stay.
And then the "approval" which "values
Thou seekest not to depend
The soul which grips not earthly
"The Star of Hope" is thine—

To Miss Wilson

The dew drop on the flower bright,
Reflects the beams of morning light
The placid lake doth slumbering lie -
Bearing the image of the sky.
Yet still the dew drop doth unfold
Slight motion of self united
And in the waters is a charm
Of power: when ruffled by the storm.
And then are gems whose mysteries,
Are still in hidden prophecies,
Enfolded in the Caves of Earth
Still waiting for the second birth
To be revealed — & then their light
Filled with beauty - truth, & might.
My spirit still has little thought
Of all the rays from Heaven caught.
But still the looking continues
Each drop of Gilead in earthly mines
Reflecting a mind light to day.
But holding still the mystic ray.
Which shall at last true rich pardon
The beauteous "Opal" is thy name
Chicago Jul 23 1866. Thurwadeal. —

Left Chicago this morning at 10 o'clock for Michigan - was disappointed in getting aboard the morning - Concord Cannot reach this in time for this evening lecture. Lightning, thunder & rain last night - it is blowing & very pleasant - [illegible]

Took a sleeping coach from Chicago last night and was [illegible] morning. Upon taking our last look discovered a rather [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

To Mrs Cone.

There are hidden mines of secret wealth
Concealed in the depths & caves of Earth
There are wondrous pearls of beauty found
In the Caverns & rocks of the sea profound.
The mountains conceal their precious gems,
That shall sparkle at last in Jewel diadems.—
There are spirits whose treasures of thought & love
But wait for a magical hand to move,
Some kindly & searching eye to light.
The Caverns where gleam these gems so bright,
And amid the sorrows & struggles of life
To find on the troubled the waters of strife
And there is a spirit to struggle & give.
The strength & the courage to dare & to live
To comfort the erring — to uplift the weak,
And words of true sympathy ever to speak,—
A light & a power ever to impart
To the weary & fainting — a power of heart.—
And for this our spirit a portion to gain —
True knowledge & wisdom to seek & attain
For beneath the strong spirit — life's loveliest soul,
Seek them — & reach on thy pinions of soul
For deep in the souls, a fountain of Truth
And its treasures are guarded by "the Eye of Ruth"

Chicago, July 25th 1866. — Shenandoah

Through the cloud of bitter death, from

FRIDAY, July 27th, 1866.

To Mrs Robinson

The gardens are filled with rare flowers
That send sweet odors through the maiden bowers,
They climb our lattice & palace wall,
And their lovely petals on marble walls fall
The cottage is hidden with blossoms, vines,
The valley is loaded with fragrant woodbines,
And each lovely flower hath beauty so rare
That no mortal can name the most lovely & fair,
The forests are filled in each valley & glen, –
Far away from the sight & the presence of men, –
Then the violet droops its blue eyes in a dream
And the narcissus bloom with mourning stream
Then an flower hunter for its beauty & fame,
Men perfect than those of the garden & bower,
With healing & balm for the wounded in heart,
Dark the "Wild Thyme" Jennie's fragrance impart

Chicago, July 25th 66. Shenandoah

[illegible] addressed the people [illegible] last night [illegible] satisfaction. There is [illegible] the Michigan [illegible] Illinois, [illegible] [illegible] Indiana [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

To Mr. Richmond

Searching amid the hidden mines of thought.
For knowledge - by the voice of Nature taught.
Striving to gain the far off mountain height
Where gleam the splendors of Truth's endless light.
Watching the dawning of that brighter day.

MONDAY, July 30th, 1866.

TUESDAY, July 31st, 1866.

FRIDAY. August 3d. 1866.

SATURDAY. August 4th. 1866.

From Grice Sunday Evening Lecture

Adown the swift stream of time's darkening dream
Float the Emblems of Fate
And borne by the tide, the strange spirits glide
With mysterious power & State;
As strange frozen bark-bearth banners dark
With crosses of Roman bones -
Scutcheon is bright - with fine cusions of white -
And wreath be mouldering bones. -
Yet forever, as they pass by the shore
Speaks a voice penetrant & small
"The mills of the Gods grind slowly -
But they grind exceeding small."

When the tempest of wrath with thunders afar
The curse of Christ's breath -
A dark vessel doth glide to the Tyrants side
And revels in Carnage & death.
And Heaven doth do hold - with such treasure untold
With corses - and blood and despair
While the strange ship of light bearth bore breathing white
The last sound of the Patriot's prayer. -
Yet forever, as they pass the bleak shore
Speaks a voice penetrant & small.
"The mills of the Gods grind slowly.
But they grind exceeding small"

A dark ship doth sail, when a maiden lovelate
Sitting beneath a tree
Sitting in St Louis at the Convention of the Episcopal

And the dark ship doth sail, all in sorrow & wa
To place her, on shame's burning coast
But the bright ship, as there, a spirit so
Hath crowned the Freedom's hosts
Still forever more, entreating, pray & cry
Speaks a voice penetrant & small
"The mills of the Gods grind slowly
But they grind exceeding small

The dark shadow hath neared - as sad angels sor
When Justice & Mercy are pleaded?
When for Crime & treasure a man hath his
And in cells such cold iron is bound
Yet in Justice so stand, hath a maiden betrayed
One poor hath filched a true name
And each one hath sold, his fair honor for old
Trampled & soul down for fame
Yet forever more, as they pass by the shore
Speaks a voice penetrant & small
The mills of the Gods grind slowly
But they grind exceeding small

So this presence is brought - above which the nations
"He hath stolen" & Justice Complains
And he unnamed slide, what the court may decide
Of punishment - torture & pains.
And the dark ship drawn near - the decision is o
"Mills" is he, who bows low his head
Yet the

[illegible] on the [illegible] shore,
[illegible] shall
of the Gods Grand slowly
[illegible] exceeding small.

[illegible] was this seen, when the hours [illegible]
[illegible] of years:
[illegible] the days of the one sides sighs
[illegible] with the orphans' tears.
[illegible] sold - the faithful shrieked
[illegible] the Heart on the dark shelf was.
[illegible] spirit of light with the hours of pride
[illegible] the poor [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] as they pass by the shore
[illegible] the pine-trees small
[illegible] the sea, and slowly
[illegible] Grand Exceeding small

[illegible] the Dream - of times' dark turbid dream
[illegible] the strange ship - near the sea
[illegible] side - the heavenly side
[illegible] Great Eternity.
[illegible] with [illegible] hand the dark shelf stood
[illegible] an equivocation shoal
[illegible] large as worlds Oblivion lies -
[illegible] the spirit of light saves the souls:
[illegible]
[illegible] a voice from heaven shall
"The swells of the Gods Grand slowly,
[illegible] Grand Exceeding small

Thus ended the dream of times' darkness &
Heal the Sentalens of Tale
Sad the strange fearful case with its names
By the spirit of Human Hate!
While the fair ship of light with its crew in
Like an Olympic drift on
And its banners Dove Heal Eternal
"It's the spirit of Human Love
Seed sinners which it sheds and the
Souls a voice from heaven shall
"The swells of the Gods Grand slowly
but they Grand Exceeding small.

WEDNESDAY. August 29th. 1866.

THURSDAY. August 30th, 1866.

Left Buffalo this morning and reached our beautiful College home this evening pretty well tired out, but glad to say we got home - Darling has stood the summer very splendidly - her health constantly improving, and we have now come to this quiet retreat, to mature our plans for the future, and ultimate the method that has brought us hither upon our darling babe - and as pleasant mama a few weeks of strong country air in the trying period of maternity shall have arrived. - We have given the mother and child all the advantages that health, happiness and extended travel could to act upon the constitutional existence of baby, is not a genius - it will not be because she has not had every advantage that could be given her. But with our pay at present our funds all well & glad to see us at home is mingled the sadness that comes from having extended trip to Philadelphia - The Convention of Southern Governors met in Philadelphia last Monday. I should have been a delegate from Louisiana. - Brought Sammy Banks. London gold [illegible] both will go to attend school and do the chores -

FRIDAY. August 31st. 1866.

On Wednesday night last, during my absence, I was informed for the last time, that my dear wife was affected with the symptoms of the cholera, and that she passed from this life before I reached the [illegible] bedside. Notwithstanding, my mistaken views, she was [illegible] "the hereafter" as a mere [illegible] with all of the life, [illegible] and [illegible] taught [illegible] the earth, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the angels, commune with the saints of a perfected earth existence, and [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] and love of material life. — Thus, a grand discourse, delivered before a select audience in Mother Magnard's parlors and closed with a beautiful poem. — Thanne has passed life's [illegible]. — Poor Mother Magnard is sad and lonely, her husband a good man — one officer of the government in connection with the custom house, lost his life — by an initial attack of fever, one autumn or evening — a few months ago while attending to his official duties, in consequence, we forgetting time — [illegible] physician pronounced that the [illegible] should be made known — [illegible]

SATURDAY. September 1st. 1866.

Left my home, my darling, at 11 o'clock, leaving at 12 o'clock for Philadelphia, with the Commodore and Lordsman. — Many times, Olympia, have my state-[illegible] I could not will forget the affection of my darling, my fellow [illegible], I have accordingly made efforts, since I suffer the news of a few days separation from my blessed [illegible] reading, that death should only be [illegible] for a short time. — The consciousness of a speedy return to my precious one, is my only consolation. —

Seymour Post Office Allegany Co N.Y.

WEDNESDAY, September 26th, 1866.

THURSDAY, September 27th, 1866.

at 12.15 OC to day - near the meridian - our darling little blue eyed daughter first caught the light of God's sunshine; first breathed the breath of earth's air and gave to our anxious hearts joy and gladness. - Her precious darling mother is well & could be expected - and has stood the siege of maternity most nobly, - she is a brave glorious woman, and has counted of the struggle with all the horrors of war. - Father now is resting most quietly - and the tiny little one lies, fast nestling into existence, his, cuddled close to her heart a most beautiful sight a charming picture - mother and child. Little boots, as we have hitherto called her, has black hair and blue eyes a remarkable and rare combination, but what we both wanted. - and we are so happy - our lives now have the connecting link - our love has a great embodiment - and our future such beautiful scenes, prospects, our hearts are so full for utterance, we only thrill glad pulsations, I am left the joy and delight in experience. God be praised. that our hopes have been realized. the angel ministry of affectionate accompanies such experiences. -

FRIDAY, September 28th, 1866.

SATURDAY, September 29th, 1866.

MONDAY, November 26th. 1866.	TUESDAY, November 27th. 1866.
	[illegible] the extent of [illegible] from the rent of my soul [illegible] from the loved sunlight of my existence — the [illegible] of heartbreaking — the heavy [illegible] of it — for that has up already [illegible] my [illegible] light [illegible] out the [illegible] — the [illegible] from my heart [illegible] darkness. O God! Can there be greater misery [illegible] life [illegible]. Return safe and darling, lady of my [illegible]. Bless myself for thee, and [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] father, then the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Connie her last evening, the most miserable disconsolate fellow that ever lived; about but a few hours from my darling, with that; but the heart felt a thing that seemed almost an Element of separation.

"Behold yonder star;
Thou art so near, yet so far."

My soul feels as Cooped Up with their Bodies, but my heart finds more means for the Bodies one, my thoughts, I feel, the date of a single heart pulsation, that sinking hollow sensation, that is known as homesickness. Comes to me with all the intensity that my poor heart has for my future or present Fond Fate. Not forever to part with the world - and denies me the companionship of my beloved. But I will Conquer Destiny, I will not relinquish. Oh, this hard world will Conquer. The long period then immediately, not absolutely, accepted, hoped so much that belied, at least beyond but few after months here, and not there I will be - and my other Dearest Connie has been fortunate part as well. Not from this Jubilee, and month's misery, I see by that letter I am to be used little, I see, Dear.

The weather is so beautiful that I do want my darling here to share its delicious, pure air and bask in its flowing sunshine - such a glorious moment - my a Heaven it can produce. - Oh darling Come home, and drink in the pure balmy air. We'll immerse ourselves fully, fully, fully in pure air that has no equal here. Such Comfort I felt my soul with sweet sweet consolations. I can reflect upon my - the bosom seat of separation. I can upon contrast, and ones. Fondle them close in my arms - and drink deep from the sweet life of my life, the joy of true affection. That love that is eternal - perfect & knows nothing of sorrow. Dear, I am so absent and not happy, the without return to my poor heart, therefore thoughts, constantly - illimitable, fearful - my endeavors to realize, my poor soul and my heart the sweet comfort.

There is Thanksgiving feast that I am and I dread for the will first feel the heart-date. Not so, and is elegant with joy. The is my poor life. It, Keeping it all for life - it, in a perfect state

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[illegible] of friends and
relations — The have a pleasant
home and a sweet little boy, the
remind of my darling little Ella — our
their pleasant friends with its kindness,
[illegible] of my other pleasant life. But
[illegible] and consolation [illegible]
[illegible] my mind cannot be [illegible]
separation from my beloved. Why I cannot
[illegible] to my home. I cannot [illegible]
myself. I am [illegible] although the best part of
me is gone. [illegible] again consent to the sufferings of such pain
[illegible] I do not think — remain as I am, for [illegible]
the time before [illegible] with the [illegible]
[illegible] the complete blackness of my soul and
[illegible] operation of [illegible]
[illegible] a
[illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] that by all [illegible] with the outward
[illegible] I could see no cloud, no darkness, naught
but [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] pleasant material accompanying — letter, [illegible]
[illegible] of health. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] letter — my darling husband with
me the [illegible] dearest love has not sent
me the [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible] been
better to me — O what can be the cause. [illegible]
illness else she would not have permitted
[illegible] to [illegible] resulting [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] of [illegible] — that
my shadow [illegible] a fate [illegible]
[illegible] that [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Washington February 22nd 1865

Senator Howard was present at our house. She was informed and gave the following. That Andrew Johnson had had interviews with John Wilkes Booth the assassin of her brother, when he [illegible] days before his assassination [illegible] taking sides with the Rebellion and that such [illegible] the commencement of the war. That in fact Johnson had corresponded with nearly all of the [illegible] with Johnson. And that Booth's card was left and was to be attended that night together with [illegible] in Washington. That Mrs. Surratt and her fellow [illegible] should prevent any revelation or confession on her part that the lock would see the end prevail [illegible] secretary Seward and Hunter many persons [illegible] and conspiracy are the assassination of President Lincoln. — At the conclusion Shannon [illegible]

Washington February 23rd 1865 Saturday

[illegible] communication certified — The [illegible]

Washington Febry 24th 1865 Sunday

[illegible] letter, but that Col. Baker took the same to the President from [illegible] Johnson's residence the second [illegible] Richmond Post on upon us to day having arrived from [illegible] can convey up to find the affairs pertaining [illegible]

Washington Febry 25th 1865 Monday

Dearling uncle Dunn relative to old of place [illegible] of all should act in such manner, but always [illegible] Received a letter from Mr Hubbard with an [illegible]

Washington Feby 16th 1865 Friday

Washington March 1st 1865 Friday

Received this morning letter from Mr Sewards after [illegible] Lemons and on the 'ents themselves [illegible] and flies from [illegible]

This Evening Senator Howard and son called [illegible] and in red the following — "That since the last interview they had been to a [illegible] that they had learned from the Clerk of Booth himself, that [illegible] Booth Klein Johnson recently to be in sympathy with [illegible] the Abolitionists, at least party. Booth then had intended [illegible] Johnson wrote a letter to [illegible] in which he [illegible] for a high consideration, or a high [illegible]

Washington City D.C. Sunday Morn. 1867

Friday Eve. May 3rd.

Senator Howe writes that Sherman drops out and Mr. Chairman of Iowa opens the ball on some last evening - after a very pleasant visit darling was influenced and said - That Senate would be closed to prevent his passing the ordained. That could be at instigation of the President. That he knew that prevailed to the company. Was his mother here. Has been all the talk of the town. That Sherman & Fessenden had visited Paris. Not yet heard the result of the conflict. Could have no company yet. Am tired. Not yet recovered. Will be carefully private. Feeling has to avoid [illegible] That I would be a fool to suppose that the President of Congress [illegible] That his mouth had already been closed to his prominently. That Wilson had a letter from Randolph of his own writing, as dated about 6th. That the letter written by Andrew Johnson to Governor Haw, in W.V. had been taken by Booth to Davis - then returned by Davis to Booth - Had Booth then kept it. Came for some time - then left it in his coat pocket at the House of a woman who he was in the habit of visiting, & who bore the name of King. That she fondled the letter and after [illegible] Booth's Quit Robs, detection. Robs Stanton [illegible] Booth. Booth had kept some lackhand, afterwards a number of times. Not his woman was, nor in Washington or Southern. Not the same. That Booth, Conspirator [illegible] Booth. That Booth had lately visited Richmond. Was supplied by the Rebels to assume all to do relative to the assassination plot. That the [illegible] Booth dear as dear to Andrew Johnson. That it was under the advice of the present attorney General Stanton. That the Sentiment of the Cabinet against Johnson. That the evidence implicating that Secretary of Johnson's complicity in the assassination. That the President would stand on all the ground he has taken in the 3rd of his Reconstruction and will, on the 4th of January, all Radical Friends in Command of the House of Representatives. That the safety of the Country depends upon a firm and a magnificent Republican Senate. Now, but it is not the Radical Senate which gives the safety of Nation. Thus he, I suppose, feels of Left and Right. - But that is not absolute, but relative to Judge. - No name has been sent in to the President for Marshal for the State of Louisiana - the best feeling for the South. Senator Howe and Buckalew. Friend Johnson. Illness of Senator Hendricks. Wilson Grade Polson. Of Monmouth County, New Jersey, Radical Friends, Mention for Home. Not a single day chance on most accurate. Great Mission is very strongly opposed, but he cannot be confirmed if I was opposed. Should I get this, I should would enable me to make a grand stand for the advancement of the Colored people of my State and the establishment of Radical Reconstruction. - That will be no, defeat of anything my Radicalism. - but I should not retract one inch. Can of the place I all often, so will I. -

May 10th 1867 Washington D.C.

Learned to day that I had been recommended and nominated by Chief Justice Chase as Registrar under the Bankrupt Act for the 4th Dist of Louisiana, and my name sent on to the Senate for confirmation. I dreamed last night of finding gold coins, dreams and dreams had the same dreams. Such is partially realized to date, affordement. Came to day, thirty three years of age, and this comes as a very acceptable birthday present. It is difficult to tell mere just what it is worth, but it is considered a very valuable office. So now we are all for Louisiana, and hopefully blessed. My darling, inferior but take care so well and we are all very happy over our good fortune. We have for the last few nights been having some very pleasant evenings at which the science of Spiritualism has been treated very acceptably - Mr. Mrs. Bridge - Dr. Lippincott - Mr. Lowe - other have been present. Mr. Bridge to-day taken down the subscribers of the sum for incorporation on the book to call upon publish on the subject - the affairs orders are have said from our concert. Chaldean who has been in the spirit world over 3000 years, the name sight of the book - it has been entirely interesting. Friend Mr. Bridge will pay some Court for the stamps not affordable, as is usually, this valuable material other cost. As when we publish our other days, we do not desire to be accused of plagiarism, especially when it is on our material. Mr. Bridge talks sometimes in the other morning predicting that Bermuda joined the confederacy, that we made today, voted on three years I would come back to Washington as a member of Congress. That we would in a few days also obtain the money for the sale of the place concerning which we have been troubled, that we would be able to pay our debts, and would behold in great degree. Read letter to the Capital of Rochester yesterday, and Weed's Tribune, putting my friend Senator Howard on the track for the next President. Was a true man, I should hope he would take to see him go through. My fortune seems to be made, should I succeed. Darling was influenced by Theodore Parker last night, she said "The future seems in the distance very pure, clear bright, but it is very rotten beneath. There are in your political moral atmosphere the elements of a great conflict. We have foreseen it for months and years. It has appeared inevitable to me in the occasions, but the time is not yet ripe. The fires leading to the close of consummation in your minds is not yet consumed. Though the coward in the White House would have it, willed it over this, but he had not the courage. Conscience turns even the bad man at times, and conscience and cowardice have kept him back. not Conscience for the thing, he is to do,

Washington City D.C. May 10th 1867.

or is doing publicly, but conscious for things which he knows and has done. If Lincoln had not been assassinated. if Mrs Surratt had not been hung - if Jefferson Davis was not a Prisoner of State. if John Surratt was not a prisoner of state. if he was tried and executed, or tried and not executed. if there were not things in the air that whispered to Andrew Johnson that his secrets are known. he might do something. He suspects that there is a telegraph between the worlds. he suspects that the dead speak, that a secret thus buried may be revealed. therefore he does not act. Had our Seward's diplomacy succeeded as well as he anticipated - had not the result overwhelmingly & contemptuously blended him he might have done something - had he not have been warned by what has been said that more might be said. he would have done something. - what he now does is with a veil over his face, and closed eyes, that man may not read his soul. under the guise of friendliness to all parties, but with a secret hand-grasp with Rebels. Jefferson Davis knows he will never be executed or even tried - John Surratt knows he is safe when his person walls, and all this because somebody shouted to hear that Jno Johnson was not sick at the night of the assassination, and not conscious that it was about to occur, and somebody happened to know that he of all others was most anxious that it should succeed. The Judiciary Committee is on the track of Circumstantial evidence. Wilson of Iowa has been tampered with but these things will come to light for justice through them is sure" —

Washington City D.C. May 15th 1867.

Left Washington this morning on Steamer for New Orleans via Norfolk. The Gulf was stormy last evening and while under influence gave the following [illegible] - "Had a very a large meeting - an assembly of a political character in which appear both the successful candidate for Governor and his defeated opponent. Dashing, [illegible] are not both young face the other short stout & light complexion. — Joe his children that I would allow the health of our good President - what I will return to Washington in about three years successful - that I had spoken at that point when we all took hands and good feeling commence" —

Reached Nashville Friday morning after a somewhat [illegible] trip. Found mother, brother and all very friendly delighted to see us. Fatigue is a great fact, and we are indeed taking solid comfort - Home is indeed pleasant, and we enjoy it. Delightful shade, and Calm retreat. - but it is but for a brief period we must come to [illegible] off again for work and a lot of [illegible]

Nashville Ohio. May 23d 1867. Left Home this morning for New Orleans -

New Orleans May 27th 1867. Reached this city this morning at 3 o'clock. Came down the Mississippi on the steamboat "Walk-in-the-water" a delightful passage. The weather is somewhat different from that of the past two days and find this city of all uncomfortable. Starting with a dull sky [illegible] and [illegible] may be [illegible] look down on Canal St. and business shall proceed to transpire. —

Washington City, D.C. December 8th 1865.

Concluded this morning that the evening should find us man and wife - accordingly called upon Reid Father Pierpont and secured his services, sent Julius after the license, and Geo after the flowers and Cordials &c for the marriage feast - all of which was pleasantly accomplished & at half past seven o'clock my darling Eva and myself entered the quiet and cosy little parlor of our present home, and with our Geo, Louisa, Julius, Letitia, Mr Everett and Father Pierpont in the mental force with an innumerable and glorious assemblage of the humanity world present, were ushered into the blissful bonds of that state called matrimony, which seems the first motion inwardly had been ours. — a delightful supper followed and a feast of reason & flow of soul then —